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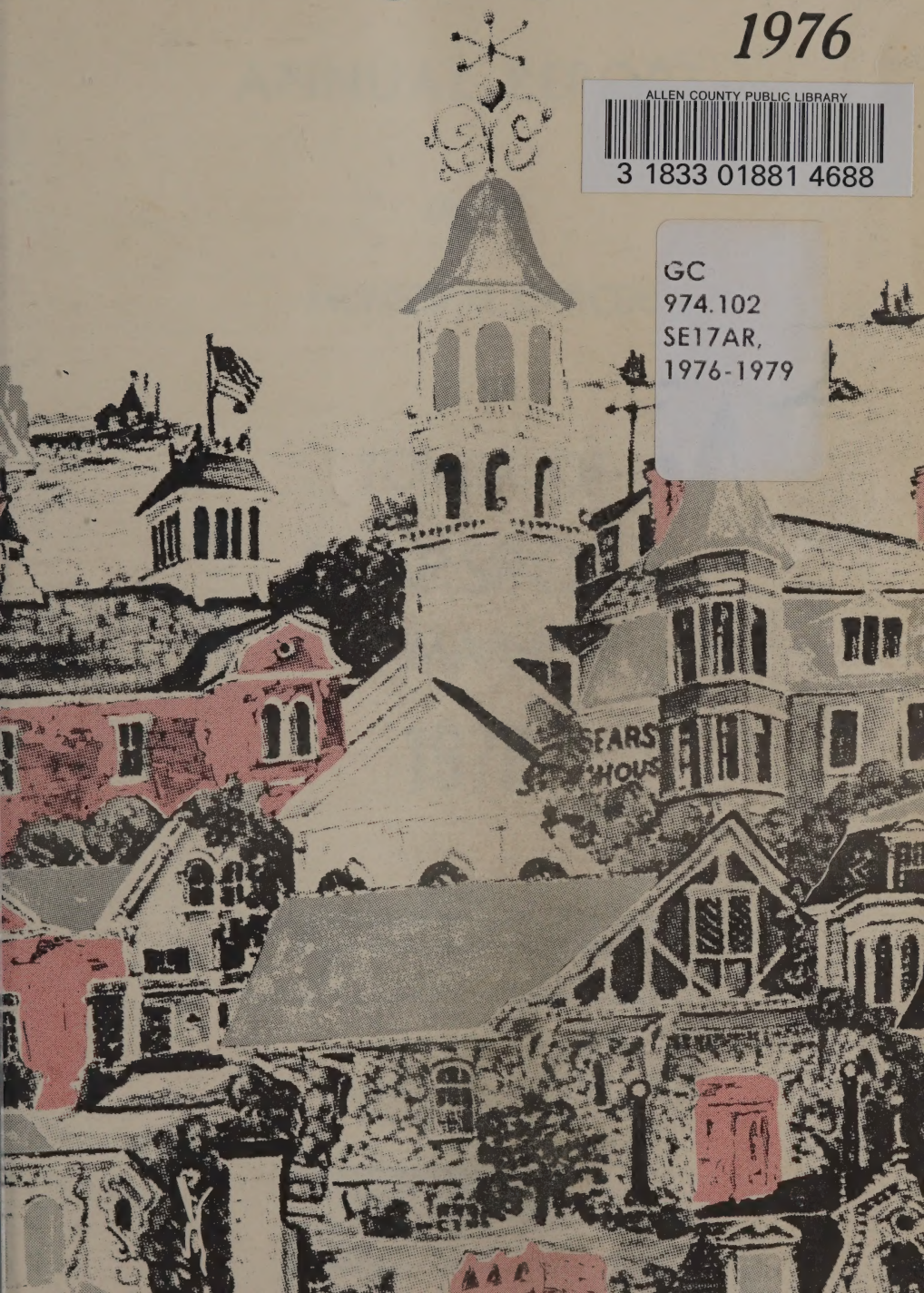
Searsport, Maine
1976



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSPORT MAINE

1976

COVER:
COMPOSITE VIEW OF SEARSPORT, MAINE
WATER COLOR BY HARRIET F. HILL
1961
From the Penobscot Marine Museum Collection

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	-	Dog Tax Due.
	-	Fiscal year commences.
March 14-15	-	Annual Town Meeting.
April 1	-	All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1. Owners must bring in list of property to assessor to be eligible to make claim for abatement.
October 1	-	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
December 31	-	Fiscal year closes.

TOWN TELEPHONES

Town Office	548-2256
Fire Department - Searsport	548-2900
Fire Department - North Searsport	548-2920
Police (weekdays)	548-2256
(nights and weekends)	338-2040
Water District	548-2910
Town Garage	548-2821

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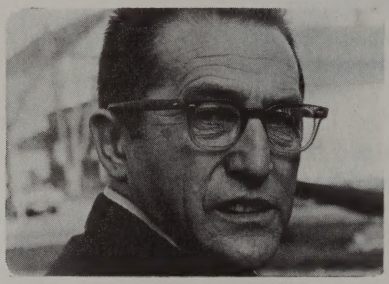
IN MEMORIAM

"Let each (man) try, by great thoughts and
good deeds
To show the most of Heaven he hath
in him."

"It matters not how long we live, but how."

Philip James Bailey - 1839

With gratitude for and in recognition of his lifetime of unselfish service to his fellow man and to the Town of Searsport, we dedicate this Report to:



Raymond Willis Hamilton, Sr.
1924 - 1976

A life-long resident of Searsport, Raymond is survived by his widow, Edith (Walker) Hamilton, five daughters, one son, four grandchildren, and four brothers. During his short but active life span, he spent:

3 years as a Merchant Marine (1940-43)
34 years as a Longshoreman (1943-76)
15 years as Treasurer of Penobscot Bay Longshoremen's Association (1962-76)
13 years as Shop Steward of Penobscot Bay Longshoremen's Association (1964-76)
6 years as a Member of Searsport Planning Board (1967-73)
3 years as a Director of M.S.A.D. #56 (1970-73)
6 years as a Searsport Selectman (1970-76)

Raymond's untimely death on 10/22/76 brought an end to a lifetime of unselfish work and devotion to Searsport, which had been his home from birth and which he truly loved. His efforts were not in vain, however, for he has left his lasting mark on the Town itself and on all of the people in it who were fortunate enough to have known and loved him as a good citizen, neighbor, and friend.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Robert Kenney, Chairman	Charles Blanchard
James T. Verrill	Lionel Merrill, Jr.
Bruce Mills	

Peter A. Garland	Town Manager
Ruby D. Wood	Town Clerk
Howard Reuben	Assessor
Daniel C. Rich	Searsport Fire Chief
Pearley B. Seekins	N. Searsport Fire Chief
Daniel C. Rich	Forest Fire Warden
Gustave Szabronski	Plumbing Inspector
W. C. Wheeler	Auditor
Mornita Roberts	Civil Defense Director
Albert D. Leavitt	Police Chief
Carlton Smith, Jr.	Patrolman
Albert D. Leavitt	Constable
Ruby D. Wood	Registrar of Voters

SEARSPORT PLANNING BOARD

Eleanor Sullivan	Term Expires June 1981
Bruce Probert, Chairman	Term Expires June 1980
Donald Ruttenberg	Term Expires June 1979
John Merrithew	Term Expires June 1978
Inez Campbell	Term Expires June 1977
Robert England	Alternate

SEARSPORT BOARD OF APPEALS

Catharine Andrews for 4 yrs.	Roger Farris, Sr. for 2 yrs.
Leroy A. Moody for 3 yrs.	Elmore Andrews for 2 yrs.
David Whitehouse for 3 yrs.	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harold Garcelon, Chairman	Philip Wolley
John Barry	Emily Darby
Ada Curtis, Secretary	Dennis Kienow
Debra Coffin	

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1977

Samuel Calderwood
Inez Campbell
Richard Clark
Roy Dakin, Jr.
Leroy F. Moody
William Pendleton
Carl B. Robbins
Gordon Roberts
William Shorey

Term Expires 1978

Michael Knox
Leroy A. Moody
Willis Blake
Ann Brown
Colleen York
Ralph Rowe, Sr.
John Richardson
Charles Clark
N. Smith Clements

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Donald Ruttenberg
John Richardson
Peter A. Garland
Robert England
Lionel Merrill

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hans Burkard, Chairman
Leroy A. Moody
David Whitehouse
Ernest Hess
Lloyd Wentworth
Donald Ruttenberg
Peter A. Garland

REPRESENTATIVE TO LEGISLATURE

Melvin A. Shute

Home Address:	School Street Stockton Springs Maine 04981
Telephone:	567-3364
Legislative Address:	House of Representatives State House Augusta, Maine 04330
Telephone:	289-2866

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Searsport:

It is once again my distinct pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Town for 1976, the year which marked the 200th birthday of our Nation and 131st anniversary of Searsport's incorporation as a Town. Hats off to the hard-working Members of our Bicentennial Committee and many others for the gala events and celebrations which will long be remembered by everyone!

As you glance through the pages of this Report, you will readily see that the financial condition of the Town continues to be excellent, and our number one goal should be to keep it that way, even as we look ahead and plan for the orderly growth of our community and the increased public services which normally accompany such growth.

Our Unappropriated Surplus Account at year's end totals $251,906.43, the second highest ever for the Town. In 1976, real estate taxes were lowered slightly for the fourth year in a row, thus making a total tax decrease of 33% over the four year period, 1972-76! For example, a family which paid $300.00 in local real estate taxes in 1972, was required to pay only $200.00 in 1976. A brief review of some of our major accomplishments during this past year gives new meaning and significance to the adage, "A dollar's value for every dollar spent", as it applies to our Town.
Among these are:

1. The Town Wharf extension and berth dredging Project was completed, and the adjacent parking area was completely hottopped.

2. A new ocean front retaining wall for Mosman Park was built to replace the old, broken-down one.

3. In early January, 1977, the new, spacious all-purpose room in the basement of the Carver Memorial Library was finished.

4. A reserve Fund of $10,000.00 was established as part of the Town's share of construction costs of two municipal tennis courts, to be built in 1977. Subsequently, a Federal BOR grant of $15, 400.00 and a State grant of $3,080.00 were obtained, which means that only an additional $2,320.00 in Town funds will be needed to finance this $30,800.00 Project.

5. Most of our annual road surfacing work was again (for the second year in a row) concentrated in the rural areas of Town, i.e., North Searsport, where 3.1 miles of gravel roads were sealed for the first time. All of our 1976 State Aid Road Construction funds were expended on rebuilding Swan Lake Road westward from Dodge Corner,

and our 1977 State Aid Road funds will be used to complete this Project to its junction with the Mt. Ephraim Road.

6. An additional $7,500.00 was set aside in reserve for the future purchases of a fire department tank truck, ambulance, and police cruiser.

7. For the last half of 1976, a third, full-time patrolman was added to our police department.

8. $5,750.00 in Town funds were appropriated and a Federal grant was obtained for the remaining necessary funds to initiate Step I Sewer Planning work, which is now underway.

9. One hundred new trees were planted to replace the dead elms which had to be removed.

10. Land was purchased in North Searsport as the site of a future new fire station there.

1976 was, indeed, a good year for our Town, and, at this juncture, 1977 would appear to be even more exciting and challenging. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have served as your Town Manager during this past year, and I am looking forward to working with all of you as a team to achieve the goals which are laid out before us.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen, all of my fellow Town employees, Members of our Boards and Commissions, and the many individual citizens for their understanding, cooperation, and assistance in making 1976 another "big" year for Searsport.

Respectfully submitted

Peter A. Garland
Town Manager

1977

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING, ANTIRECESSION AND SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

General Government	$ 10,000.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Town Roads	12,000.00
Library	2,500.00
Front-End Loader	21,500.00
North Searsport Fire Station	29,000.00
TOTAL	$ 90,000.00

ANTIRECESSION FUNDS

Assessing Department	$ 11,761.00

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

General Government	$ 20,000.00
Town Officers	10,000.00
County Tax	25,000.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Fire Department	5,680.00
Action Committee of 50, Inc.	500.00
Ambulance Reserve	1,500.00
Tennis Courts	2,320.00
Fire Dept. Tank Truck	6,000.00
TOTAL	$ 86,000.00

1977 TOWN BUDGET

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

PAGE NO.	TITLE	BUDGET 1976 TOTAL Appropriations	1976 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1977 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
7	General Government	$ 27,140.00	$ 27,071.70	$ 33,020.00	+$ 5,880.00
8	Town Officers	24,650.00	24,619.96	28,308.00	+ 3,658.00
8	Assessing Dept.	11,900.00	11,606.96	12,600.00	+ 700.00
9	Insurance	9,500.00	9,462.86	10,420.00	+ 920.00
9	Planning Board	250.00	280.13	300.00	+ 50.00
9	Library	1,900.00	1,895.50	2,090.00	+ 190.00
9	Pen Valley Reg. Plg.Com	555.93	555.93	555.93	
9	County Tax	42,001.00	41,784.50	38,000.00	- 4,001.00
	PROTECTION				
10	Police Department	23,588.00	25,327.03	33,554.00	+ 9,966.00
11	Sears. Fire Dept.	7,820.00	7,748.78	9,500.00	+ 1,680.00
11	No. Sears. Fire Dept.	1,750.00	1,502.66	1,890.00	+ 140.00
11	Ambulance	2,000.00	2,019.56	3,000.00	+ 1,000.00
12	Hydrant Rental	12,000.00	10,640.00	14,700.00	+ 2,700.00
12	Street Lights	9,000.00	7,747.45	9,600.00	+ 600.00
12	Civil Defense	200.00	103.35	200.00	
	HEALTH & SANITATION				
12	Town Dump	8,920.00	7,225.63	27,540.00	+ 18,620.00
12	Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00	419.07	1,000.00	
12	Sewer Plg. & Int.	7,722.69	7,722.69	7,357.14	- 365.55
13	Health Dept.	1,255.15	1,171.15	1,855.64	+ 600.49
13	Welfare	6,500.00	5,938.48	6,500.00	

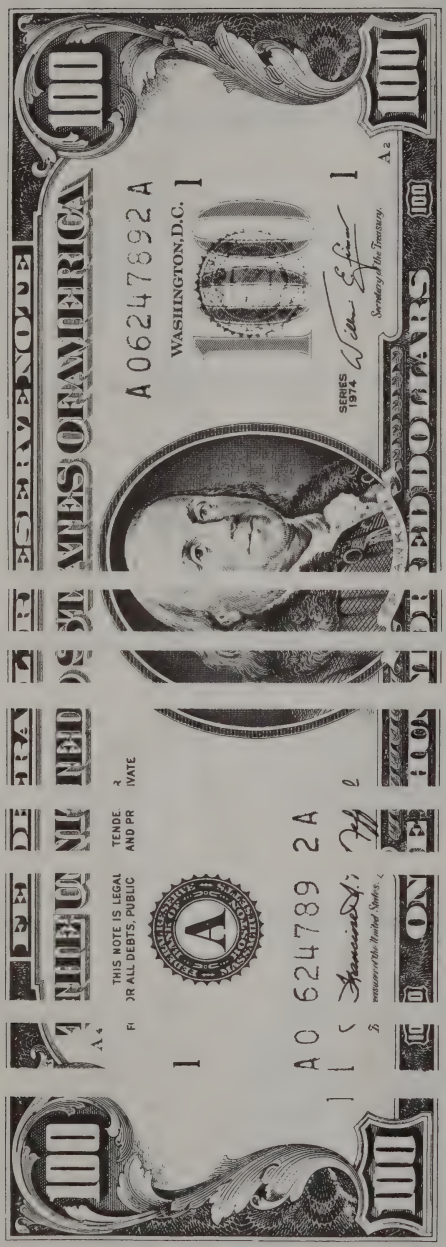
CATEGORY	BUDGET 1976 TOTAL Appropriations	1976 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1977 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
		COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, CONT'D.		
PAGE NO. TITLE				
HIGHWAYS & TREES				
14 Town Roads	$ 55,928.00	$ 50,197.89	$ 53,000.00	-$ 2,928.00
15 State Aid Road Const.	9,594.00	9,594.00	10,392.00	+ 798.00
15 Winter Roads	16,629.00	12,065.93	11,629.00	- 5,000.00
15 Town Tree Program	9,750.00	15,631.00	11,200.00	+ 1,450.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS				
16 Union Hall Remodeling	500.00	314,68	500.00	
16 Recreation	5,500.00	4,797.37	8,910.00	+ 3,410.00
16 Town Wharf	1,300.00	2,498.49	2,500.00	+ 1,200.00
16 Mosman Park	1,000.00	697.45	89.06	- 910.94
16 Harbormaster	250.00	250.00	250.00	
16 Promoting Searsport	1,500.00	178.00	1,500.00	
17 Cemeteries	2,900.00	2,518.34	2,700.00	- 200.00
17 Central Senior Citiz.	1,160.00	1,160.00	1,160.00	
17 Action Com. of 50,In.	500.00	500.00	500.00	
17 Conservation Comm.	90.00	50.00	90.00	
17 Bicentennial	1,300.00	2,099.18	-0-	- 1,300.00
17 Walto Cty. Hum. Soc.	300.00	286.18	500.00	+ 200.00
17 Elm St. R.O.W.	-0-	-0-	1,500.00	+ 1,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RES. ACCT.				
18 Police Cruiser Res.	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	- 500.00
18 1977 Police Cruiser Purchase	-0-	-0-	1,558.25	+ 1,558.25
18 Tank Truck Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	-0-	- 4,000.00
18 Carver Memorial Lib.	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	- 7,500.00
18 Mosman Park Retaining Wall	9,500.00	9,500.00	-0-	- 9,500.00
18 Industrial Develop. Land Purch. Option	500.00	500.00	-0-	- 500.00

CATEGORY		BUDGET 1976 TOTAL Appropriations	1976 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1977 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
			COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, CONT'D.		
PAGE NO.	TITLE				
	CAPITAL OUTLAY & RES. ACCOUNTS CONT'D.				
19	Municipal Tennis Courts	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 2,320.00	-$ 7,680.00
19	Ambulance Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
19	Step 1 Sewer Plg.	5,750.00	3.668.47	-0-	- 5,750.00
19	2 Cu. Yd. Loader	-0-	-0-	42.500.00	+ 42,500.00
20	No. Sears. Fire Sta	-0-	-0-	37,500.00	+ 37,500.00
20	Fire Dept. Tank Truck	-0-	-0-	17,000.00	+ 17,000.00
	SUB-TOTALS	$351,103.77	$340,971.90	$454,789.02	+ 103,685.25

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, CONT'D

CATEGORY	BUDGET 1976 TOTAL Appropriations	1976 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1977 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
TITLE				
LESS CREDITS AND RESERVES,				
Federal Revenue Sharing	$ 45,000.00	$ 48,090.00	$*90,000.00	+ $ 45,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus	82,250.00	87,185.00	*86,000.00	+ 3,750.00
Searsport Water Dist.	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Stockton Springs	3,300.00	2,675.00	10,190.00	+ 6,890.00
Excise Tax	30,000.00	30,000.00	37,000.00	+ 7,000.00
State of Maine Court Fees	1,000.00	797.00	1,000.00	
Trees	2,650.00	2,596.00	4,480.00	+ 1,830.00
Snow Removal	3,629.00	3,629.00	3,629.00	
Fed. Antirecession Funds	-0-		11,761.00	+ 11,761.00
Equipment Account	-0-		10,000.00	+ 10,000.00
Elect. & Tel. Util.	-0-	1,000.00	-0-	
SUB-TOTALS	$168,129.00	$176,272.00	$254,360.00	+ 86,231.00
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	$182,974.77	$164,699.90	$200,429.02	= $ 17,454.25
				NET INCREASE

1976 APPROPRIATIONS



65% Education

3% County Tax

1% Welfare

7% Highways

3% Health & Sanitation

9% Police, Fire & Ambulance

3% Miscellaneous

9% General Government

ANALYSIS OF 1976 TAXES

WHERE THE TAX DOLLAR COMES FROM

ASSESSED VALUE

Land	$ 4,534,200.	
Buildings	15,042,580.	
Industrial Machinery	1,858,200.	
Business Furniture and Fixtures	22,980.	
Watercraft	60,450.	
Miscellaneous	70,120.	
	$21,588,530.	
Veterans Exemptions	- 142,050.	
	$21,446,480.	
Tax Rate of $20.50 per thousand	x .02050	$439,652.84

ASSESSED VALUE

Inventory & Stock in Trade	$ 3,672,895.	
Tax Rate of $23.75 per thousand	x .02375	$ 87,231.26
Overlay & Supplemental		$ 16,664.49
		$543,538.59

WHERE THE TAX DOLLAR GOES

Town Government & Services	$ 165,473.77	
County Tax	17,501.00	
M.S.A.D. Education	347,122.00	
To Surplus	13,441.82	$543,538.59

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Searsport has many TAX ASSESSORS but only one Assessor. The only authorized body in Searsport permitted to appropriate money for Municipal expenditures is the collection of Citizens at Town Meeting.

When these Citizens approve the appropriations, they are in effect assessing taxes upon themselves.

It is the duty of the Assessor to appraise, as equitably as possible, all Real & Personal Property in Searsport; and then to divide the total value of all these properties, except for those exempted by law, into the total of the Town Meeting's Appropriation.

This is the figure, referred to as the Mill Rate, that is multiplied by the assessed value of each owners property to arrive at the Real Estate Tax due.

As a result of the efforts of prudent Citizens, capable Selectmen, efficient Administration, and good fortune in acquiring new value, Searsport's Tax Rate for the last five years has been as follows:

1972 - $37.00 per thousand, 1973 - $32.00,
1974 - $27.00, 1975 - $21.00, 1976 - $20.50.

Building permits issued from February 1, 1976 to January 31, 1977 have a combined value of $806,600 and new construction for which no permits were issued should increase this amount by another $350,000.

Respectfully submitted

Howard Ruben, Assessor

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1977

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 706, the Assessors of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine, hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality, that the Assessors' Office is open daily from Monday through Friday and will also be open the evening of April 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of revising lists of the estates, taxable in said Municipality.

RESIDENT OWNERS

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc., of all estates taxable in said municipality of such persons are hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April, 1976, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law to pay the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

PERSONS DOOMED

And any person who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the ASSESSORS or the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

Blank schedules have been printed on the center pages of this report.

/S/ Howard Ruben , Assessor

Date Posted, February 1977

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY
1976

Assessors in every Maine municipality shall list in the town report, or cause to be published in the local newspaper, the real estate property tax exemptions of institutions and organizations as defined in Title 36, section 652, and the real estate property tax exemptions of Federal, State and Municipal governments, along the municipal valuation of the exempted property the tax that would be levied on said property if it were not tax exempt. Cemeteries and houses of religious worship, but not other properties owned by a religious society, shall be exempted from these requirements.

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
6960	Historical Society	12	26	$ 142.68
6760	Town of Searsport			138.58
	Gravel Pit & Dump	2	46	
1670	Fire Station	5	40A	34.24
100	Land	5	49A	2.05
10630	Land & Buildings	12	75	217.92
380	Parking Lot	15	46A	7.79
15880	Fire Station	16	26	325.54
37620	Town Hall	16	44	771.21
520	Land & Equip. Site	2	63A	10.66
50000	Land & Highway Garage	2	20A	1025.00
720	Land	11	16	14.76
8820	Land	11	17	180.81
1220	Land	11	15A	25.01
919020	United States Government	7	51	18839.91
50390	MSAD #56 Offices & School	15	38	1033.00
992440	" Elementary & H S Jr. H	17	16	20345.00
42020	" Central School	16	42	902.41
2570	" Parking Lot	16	37A	52.69
3130	" Parking Lot	2	99	64.17
69880	State of Maine	1	36	1432.54
7520	" " "	1	37	154.16
34440	" " "	1	38	706.02
6160	" " "	7	70	126.28

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY (Cont.)

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
15480	Searsport Lions Club	2	17C	317.34
25040	Searsport Water Dist.	2	19	513.32
790	" " "	5A	19 & 18	16.20
1560	" " "	5A	14	31.98
1000	" " "	5A	25 & 26	20.50
280	" " "	5	57A	5.74
400	" " "	5A	39	8.20
40	" " "	5A	60E & 63E	24.60
12140	" " "	6	69	248.87
216000	" " "	Right of Ways, Mains,		4428.00
3110	" " "	5	67	63.76
360	" " "	5A	29	7.38
360	" " "	5A	32	7.38
2180	" " "	5	59	44.69
50580	Mosman Park	12	55 & 56	1036.89
1900	Carver Memorial Library	12	96	38.95
35710	" " "	16	40	732.06
2750	Penobscot Marine Museum	16	13	56.38
25670	" " "	16	14	526.24
19370	" " "	16	23	397.09
13130	" " "	16	22	269.17
22640	" " "	16	24	464.12
17280	" " "	16	25	354.24
17420	Congregational Parsonage	13	33	357.11
12480	" Vestry	16	12	255.84
13080	Methodist Parsonage	12	23	268.14
2280	Full Gospel	12	1	46.74
21170	" "	12	2	433.99
2120	" "	6	39	43.46
140	" "	7	116	2.87
400	" "	7	117	8.20
8480	Granite Grange Hall	5	37	173.84
6240	Community Benefit Club	7	96	127.92

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance, December 31, 1975		$42,393.66

RECEIPTS

Tax Collections:		
1976	504,267.33	
1975	22,794.70	
1974	154.33	
1973	16.00	
Supplemental	3,118.04	
		530,350.40
Excise Taxes		42,124.19
Tax Liens Mortgage:		
1975	3,114.83	
1974	2,169.63	
Foreclosed	1,298.95	
		6,583.41
General Funds Investment withdrawal		385,000.00
Town Wharf Funds Investment withdrawal		250,000.00
Capital Reserve Investment withdrawal		254.18
Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance		7,371.00
Revenue Sharing Investment withdrawal		49,290.00
Revenue Sharing:		
Federal	57,064.00	
State	14,596.72	
		71,660.72
Summary of Departmental Accounts:		
State	13,380.69	
Other	54,055.68	
		67,436.37
Total Receipts		$1,410,070.27
Total Available		$1,452,463.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Summary of Departmental Accounts	873,282.43	
General Funds Invested	375,000.00	
Town Wharf Funds Invested	125,000.00	
Capital Reserve Invested	4,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	57,064.00	
Tax Refunds	73.75	
Total Disbursements		1,434,420.18
Cash Balance, December 31, 1976		$ 18,043.75

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
DECEMBER 31, 1976

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Aldus, Albert & Judy	120.95
*Alpendorf Realty	669.12
Ashey, Leland & Linda	435.63
Barlow, Louise	68.88
Barnes, Donald K.	4.10
Bean, Leroy & Sandra	248.10
Berry, George & Wilma	52.89
Berry, Richard	60.48
Birgfeld, Douglas & Brenda	420.46
Black, Edward P. Heirs	86.10
Blake, Charles	13.94
Blake, Geneva	5.74
*Blake, Willis & Arlene	202.95
Boulier, James & Donna	169.74
Bowen, Carl	200.70
Bragdon, William	12.51
Bragdon, William & Ethelyn Reed	9.02
Brown, Glenn	64.17
Brown, Herbert & Joan	169.19
Brown, Julia	82.62
Brown, Vance & Martha	217.10
*Carr, Hazel	64.58
Chuprevich, Joseph	123.62
*Clark, Charles W.	22.35
*Closson, Clyde	91.49
*Colcord, Jay S. & Margaret	238.41
Colcord, Melvin & Betty June	99.43
Comer, Cary N. & Sonja T.	200.49
Cook, Baxter & June	175.89
Cook, Edwin & Ramona D.	57.40
Cook, Ronald	70.93
Cook, Shirley & Irene	85.49
Coombs, Agnes	184.50
Corbin, Claude & Mary	194.55
Curtis, Damon & Nancy	8.80
Curtis, Maurice	9.84
Cushman, Ernest	3.28
*Dakin, Lee A. & Rose	161.75
Dehmlow, Ervin	130.59

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

DeSalvo, Albert & Pearl	34.85
Dorr, Carl & Priscilla	148.63
Dyer, Roland	70.52
Ellis, Austin & Caroline	3.49
**Elwell, Norma	59.25
Faulkingham, Joan & Frederick	101.27
Fowler, Albert	92.25
*Fraser, Theodore C.	19.68
Fratzel, Noma P.	55.35
*Fraser, Clair T.	184.91
*Gould, Robert & Phyllis	130.18
Grant, Joseph C.	178.76
Grant, Kenneth H. & Janet	212.38
Grant, Milford & Jeannette	97.79
Grant, Vernon & Natalie	101.27
Gray, Vernard G. 2nd	10.87
Greenleaf, David	92.25
Gross, Foster & Greta	111.52
Gross, Una	79.95
Hall, Albert & Claudia	168.10
Hall, Willard	102.50
Hamilton, Gary & Priscilla	156.01
Hamilton, Jessie	73.88
Harriman, George & Vivian	65.40
Hathaway, Donna	153.96
Hendrick, Richard & Clara	98.81
Hodgdon, Edward & Jeanie	775.52
Howard, Charles	2.46
**Howard, Rickey & Jackie	380.28
Ireland, George & Harriet	135.30
Kalis, Stanley	856.49
Keniston, Jesse & Gertrude	137.56
Kenney, Marilyn	212.59
Kienow, Dennis & Judy	69.28
Kinney, Kenneth	134.89
Kinney, Max & Iva	931.94
Lemieux, Susan	138.38
*Littlefield, Pauline	173.64
Lloyd, Gordon & Alice	166.05
Lockhart, Wallace	116.85
Long, Sylvia	364.08
*Lord, Janet & Deborah Lovejoy	256.66
Lufkin, Wilson & Mabel	237.04

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Martin, Stephen	184.91
Meli, Richard	61.50
Mercer, Robert & Bonnie	226.32
Merithew, Edna, Margaret & Anthony	266.09
Merithew, Royal	19.68
Moody, Frederick C.	104.76
*Moore, Earl Sr. & Ruth	88.97
Moulton, Ronald	156.83
Moulton, Winfield & Pearl	218.33
Munro, Richard & Priscilla	54.53
Nickels, David Heirs	51.87
Nickels, Elizabeth	7.18
Nickerson, Annie J.	87.74
Nickerson, Elmer & Sarah	135.71
Nickerson, Tilden	80.98
Nutt, Clifford W.	133.25
O'Brien, Virgil	4.10
*Opdahl, Marie	2.46
Otis, Keith	3.69
*Payson, Ronald & June	183.68
Pease, Donald & Melvina	125.05
Pendleton, Chester & Rebekah	63.55
Perkins, Marion	73.80
Perry, Joseph & Lorraine Haynes	571.75
Philbrick, Roderick	123.00
Pine View Trailer Sales	62.50
Pomeroy, Hugh Jr.	78.31
Reed, Willis	103.32
Rigby, William & Margaret	83.85
*Rivers, Almon S.	260.35
Robbins, Barbara	158.26
Roberts, Gary & Barbara	221.20
Roberts, Mornita	26.56
Robinson, Dexter A. Jr.	106.81
Russell, George & Beverly	164.41
Russell, Mildred	14.76
Russell, Will L. & Marjorie	86.10
SanAntonio, Albert & Marjorie	61.51
Seekins, Berdena	43.05
Seekins, David Paul	366.13
Seekins, Horace	84.87
Seekins, Leroy	88.56
*Smart, Ralph & Doris	239.65

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Smith, Carlton Jr. & Gloria	232.88
Smith, Fred	50.43
Stevens, Myra	165.64
Stover, Lloyd	78.31
Sullivan, Louise & Robert Osborne	47.15
Swift, Fredda	425.99
Sylvester, Lloyd	108.83
Sylvester, Peter	49.00
Taylor, Helen	122.80
Thompson, Margaret	.53
Thompson, Richard	88.77
Tozier, Chas Heirs	72.78
*Tozier, Joel & Beverly	24.00
Tracy, Harold & Roberta	63.76
Tripp, Larry	127.10
Verrill, James & William	345.84
Ward, Clarence & Karen	112.75
**Ward, Clifton & Sadie	144.50
Ward, Douglas	119.93
Ward, George & Carolyn	12.51
Ward, Rayneta & Clarence	72.78
White, Martha J.	224.07
Williams, Ralph G.	179.58
Wolley, Philip & Patricia	299.30
Yates, James & Virginia	132.64
Yeaton, Richard & Florence	36.90
	$21,549.32

INVENTORY

1976

Colcord, Melvin	67.68
The Greenery	4.75
Narofsky, Alex & Rose	285.00
Verrill, James & William	123.50
Sale, Alfred	47.50
	$528.43

1975 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Douglas Birgfeld	3.78
Joseph Chuprevich	5.46
Damon Curtis	4.20
Edward Donovan	8.40
Fred Faulkingham	3.78
Peter Kate	69.30
Marilyn Kenney	4.20
George Koppel	10.50
Jessie Keniston	4.20
Elmer Nickerson	4.20
James Verrill	9.45
Brian Young	15.75
Dana Barnes	3.78
Nehi Bottling	6.30
	$153.30

INVENTORY TAX

Robert Baldwin	27.00
Peter Kate	4.50
George Koppel	11.25
James Verrill	117.00
*Brian Young	56.25
	$216.25

1974 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	7.02
Damon Curtis	5.40
Edward Donovan	21.60
Albert Hall	10.80
Leon Howard, Jr.	8.10
Peter & Helen Kate	93.45
Elmer Nickerson	5.40
Larry Tripp	5.40
Penobscot Shores	46.25
	$203.42

1973 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	8.32

1972 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Damon Curtis	7.40
Magnum Oil	3,980.09
	$3,987.49

1971 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Magnum Oil	3,980.09

*Paid in full since Dec. 31, 1976
**Paid on account since Dec. 31, 1976

Respectfully submitted
Peter A. Garland
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Searsport:

Vital Statistics:

Marriages recorded	43
Births recorded	34
Deaths recorded	37

Dog Licenses issued:

Male dogs	147
Spayed female dogs	128
Female dogs	32
Kennels	2

Hunting & Fishing Licenses issued:

Combinations	157
Resident Hunting	240
Resident Fishing	172
Resident Junior Hunting	80
Serviceman's Combination	20
Archery License	10
Duplicate Hunting	6
Duplicate Fishing	2

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death	Age
John L. Carroll	Jan. 15, 1976	80
William E. Hosmer	Feb. 6, 1976	63
Annie B. Aborn	Feb. 14, 1976	100
Mabel F. Teel	Feb. 24, 1976	81
Theodore Monroe	Mar. 8, 1976	71
Everett S. Hurd	Mar. 18, 1976	80
Genevieve Fondo	Mar. 26, 1976	85
Francis M. Brown	Apr. 15, 1976	55
Hazel Robbins	Apr. 18, 1976	86
Geoffrey Blake	Apr. 23, 1976	1 da.
Jessie Hamilton	May 21, 1976	65
Sherman C. English	May 22, 1976	71
Georgiana D. Seavey	June 10, 1976	95
Paul M. Marriner	June 11, 1976	1
Rodney M. Tripp	June 19, 1976	79
Bessie Legasse	June 27, 1976	82
Ellard L. Hebb	July 20, 1976	81
Gary Lee Nickerson	July 20, 1976	10 min.
Willis Cooper	Aug. 19, 1976	89
Allen D. Ellis	Aug. 20, 1976	83
Katherine M. Greene	Aug. 27, 1976	70
Adolph Goodman	Aug. 29, 1976	74
Robert Nickerson	Sept. 4, 1976	56
Inez E. Dyer	Sept. 17, 1976	84
Cleve A. Harvey	Sept. 19, 1976	73
Howard L. Wentworth	Sept. 28, 1976	71
Herbert R. Hills	Oct. 5, 1976	92
Myron E. Curtis	Oct. 5, 1976	80
Susie Jordan	Oct. 9, 1976	64
Raymond W. Hamilton, Sr.	Oct. 22, 1976	52
Fernald E. Rhodes	Oct. 28, 1976	66
Georgia A. Chapman	Nov. 15, 1976	90
Jennie A. O'Brien	Nov. 16, 1976	85
Maurice E. Rivers	Nov. 16, 1976	68
Millicent G. Jenkins	Nov. 28, 1976	92
Elizabeth A. Anderson	Dec. 2, 1976	16
Cornelia B. MacDonald	Dec. 6, 1976	81

Respectfully submitted
Ruby D. Wood , Town Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I submit the following report of Police activities for the year 1976 to the Town Manager, Selectmen, and the citizens of Searsport:

Again, as in 1975, Police Department activities have increased during 1976. Juvenile crimes took a sharp increase this past year due to the laxity of our court system and, in some cases, the complete lack of supervision and discipline at home.

As can be seen by the following records, your Police Department again had a successful year against crime. In 1976, this department had an 87% conviction rate on felonies, a 94% conviction rate on misdemeanors, and a remarkable 95% conviction rate on traffic violations. This is an achievement that we are indeed proud of.

The department has added new equipment and are making plans to add more to help us carry out our services to you, especially in the traffic control area.

With the addition of a third officer in the summer of 1976, our coverage of the Town is now up to a full twenty-four hour per day basis. This has paid off, as the night criminal activity has been sharply reduced.

The Searsport Police Department logged the following for the year 1976:

Complaints	833	Investigations	36
Accidents	96	Warnings	81
Arrests	66	Unlocked doors	13
Motor Vehicle Violations	78	Assist departments	57
		Assist Motorists	26

We modestly feel that our record for 1976 is an impressive one and the Department has worked hard for you, the Citizens of Searsport.

With your help and understanding, we look forward to serving you, as we have in the past, during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Leavitt, Chief of Police

CLASIFICATION OF OFFENSES	PERSONS CHARGED BY POLICE			DISPOSITION				
(1)	ARRESTED (HELD FOR PROSECUTION) (2)	SUMMONSED NOTIFIED OR CITED (3)	TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED (Columns 2 & 3) (4)	ADULTS GUILTY OF OFFENSE CHARGED (5)	ADULTS GUILTY OF LESSER OFFENSE (6)	ACQUITTED OR OTHERWISE DISMISSED (7)	REFERRED TO JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION (8)	OTHER (PENDING, ETC.) (9)
PART I OFFENSES								
01. Murder and Nonneglident Manslaughter			0					0
01. Manslaughter bt Negligence			0					0
02. Forcible Rape			0					0
03. Robbery			0					0
04. Assault Aggravated		1	1			1		0
05. Burglary - Breaking & Entering	12	22	34	2			28	4
06. Larceny - Theft (except auto theft)	12	22	34	2			28	4
07. Motor Vehicle Theft	1		1	1				0
TOTAL PART 1 OFFENSES								
PART II OFFENSES								
08. Other Assaults (RETURN 1-4-e)		2	2			2		0
09. Arson			0					0
10. Forgery and Counterfeiting			0					0
11. Fraud			0					0
12. Embezzlement			0					0
13. Stolen Prop.,: Rec.,Possession, Buying	1		1	1				0
14. Vandalism								0
15. Weapons, Carrying, Possess., etc.			0					0
16. Prostitution and Commercial Vice			0					0
17. Sex Offenses (except 2 and 16)			0					0
18. Narcotic Drug Law	1	1	2	2				0
19. Gambling			0					0
20. Offenses Against Family & Children			0					0
21. Driving Under the Influence	29		29	26	0	2		1
22. Liquor Laws	2		2	2				0
23. Drunkenness			0					0
24. Disorderly Conduct	5		5				5	0
25. Vagrancy			0					0
26. All Other Offenses (except traffic)	2		2					0
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES								
GRAND TOTAL	65	48	112	36	0	5	61	9

PORTION OF PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM COMPLEX
Photo by Wayne Hamilton

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1976

1976 has been another rather fortunate year for our town in regard to major loss of property. I feel we are quite fortunate in comparison with our neighboring towns and the potentially dangerous situation that exists constantly during the waterfront activities at Mack's Point.

Additional improvements and repairs were made on the fire house such as; painting outside, doors repaired, hose tower bell removed and tower repaired, along with various other items necessary in keeping the building in shape.

It is my desire and beyond any doubt that in the near future the citizens of the town of Searsport should begin giving more serious thought toward construction of a new public safety building, which will include Municipal Office, Fire Dept., and Police Dept. all under one roof.

With more people burning wood now, I wish to extend a word of caution: try to keep chimney and stove pipes as clean as possible and clear of all combustible materials, and I do highly recommend the Smoke Detector for home protection. Any type which meets U.L. approval is satisfactory and simple to install.

I wish to thank our town manager, Mr. Garland, and the Board of Selectmen, which regretfully includes the late Raymond Hamilton, for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Rich

Fire Chief

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 1975 - 1976

Dec. 4, 1975	Basil Littlefield, Chimney	4:45 P.M.
Dec. 12, 1975	Cleave Harvey, Chimney	11:05 P.M.
Dec. 27, 1975	Edward Hodgedon, Mobile Home	2:30 A.M.
Dec. 29, 1975	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	3:30 P.M.
Jan. 7, 1976	Edward Hodgedon, Chicken House Electric	
Jan. 12, 1976	Gray's Trailer Park, Hartley Fraser	11:05
Jan. 14, 1976	Ralph Fitch, Chimney	7:15 P.M.
Jan. 21, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	8:30 P.M.
Jan. 23, 1976	False Alarm, Cause Unknown	2:20 P.M.
Jan. 25, 1976	Damon Curtis, Chimney	9:15 A.M.
Feb. 3, 1976	David O'Donnel, Chimney	8:45 P.M.
Feb. 19, 1976	Barbara Robbins, Chimney	7:20 P.M.
Mar. 9, 1976	Max Kinney, Chimney	8:30 A.M.
Mar. 9, 1976	Richard Birge, Chimney	11:10 A.M.
Mar. 10, 1976	Lawrence Homer, Stkt. Spr. House	8:45 A.M.
Mar. 25, 1976	James York, Chimney	12:30 P.M.
Mar. 28, 1976	David Belair, Chimney	8:45 P.M.
Mar. 30, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	9:00 A.M.
Apr. 7, 1976	Eugene Otis, Grass	5:00 P.M.
Apr. 20, 1976	Al Narofsky, Grass	3:00 P.M.
May 3, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	3:25 P.M.
May 6, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	1:35 P.M.
May 22, 1976	Douglas Birgfield, Chimney	11:05 A.M.
June 1, 1976	Clarence Ward, Mobile Home	2:00 A.M.
June 6, 1976	Carl Sawyer, House	7:20 A.M.
June 8, 1976	False Alarm, Unknown Cause	10:15 A.M.
July 10, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	2:30 P.M.
July 28, 1976	Auto Accident, Exxon Stat.	2:30 A.M.
Aug. 31, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	9:05 A.M.
Sept. 2, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	4:05 P.M.
Sept. 7, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	9:20 A.M.
Sept. 24, 1976	Turnpike Road, Brush Fire	5:00 P.M.
Oct. 2, 1976	False Alarm, Telephone Co.	10:55 A.M.
Oct. 6, 1976	Hartley K. Fraser, Oil Burner	5:25 P.M.
Oct. 21, 1976	Short Circuit in the Alarm System	9:20 A.M.
Nov. 28, 1976	Maplewood Poultry Co., Belfast Storage Bldg.	8:00 P.M.
Dec. 1, 1976	Allen Roberts, Chimney	12:15 P.M.

TOTAL ALARMS - 37

NORTH SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL FIRE REPORT

1976

December	26, 1976	Edward Hodgdon	(Trailer totaled)
January	7, 1976	Jean Hodgdon	(Chicken house Electric Fan)
February	3, 1976	David O'Donnell	(Chimney Fire)
April	7, 1976	Irvin Kenney	(Grass Fire)
May	7, 1976	Richard Stevens	(Chimney Fire)

Respectively

FIRE CHIEF, Pearley B. Seekins

KNO-WAL-LIN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
11 Maple Street
Rockland, Maine 04841
Telephone 594-9561

ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWNS

Kno-Wal-Lin Community Health continues in its eleventh year of service to the residents of Knox, Waldo, and Lincoln Counties. Our agency, formerly called Mid-Coast Home Health, is a voluntary non-profit corporation under the direction of a twenty-one member board of Directors.

We continue to provide the services of visiting registered nurses, registered occupational or physical therapists, and certified home health aides. This is done in cooperation with the physicians and hospitals of our service area.

Our service is a "supportive" or "alternative" type of health care, and is available on a "stand-by" basis. Occasional visits by one of our health professionals allows persons to avoid hospitalization, leave the hospital early, or remain in their own homes rather than move to a nursing home.

Our staff members are under supervision by the Director of Health Services, Medical Director, and Professional Advisory Committee of the Board of Directors. All services provided are in direct consultation with the person's own physician. An office staff is available to deal with the problems of referral, communication, or to assist in understanding the complexities of federal and state guidelines for insurance coverage.

Our staff members have conducted approximately 12,000 such home visits during the past year. At any one time they are serving the health care needs of more persons than the total capacity of the five hospitals in our service area. They have also continued in their in-service education. Other services have included health screening clinics and consultation services to local boarding homes.

This service is available to all persons without restriction. Where possible, the agency assists persons in drawing on federal and state resources for coverage of costs. In the past year these costs have been covered by medicare to 69%, medicaid for 14%, a SEA-ME grant to 8%, other agencies such as VA, TB or Arthritis to 2%, with

Kno-Wal-Lin assuming responsibility for the remaining 7% of service rendered, to residents of the three county area.

Our reimbursement from medicare and medicaid is on the basis of "true cost" determined by annual audit, and is retroactive reimbursement. We are presently attempting to resist the spiraling, inflationary, increase in health care cost with limited results.

The unreimbursed portion of our service is covered by a direct request for funds from the 51 towns of our service area. Town funds cover approximately 3% of our total budget, with the remaining 4% left to fund raising needs.

Our agency continues with the mandate of the Board of Directors that health care services will be denied to no one, inspite of cost needs. It is our intention to work within the problems of increasingly complicated reimbursement, tentative renewal of grants, and increasing costs, yet still provide our service. Past cooperation from the towns has been most helpful, and is appreciated.

For the staff and Board

Wesley W. Nichols, Jr.
Administrative Director

SEARSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Searsport Ambulance Service answered a total of 109 calls and traveled 3,511 miles. It cost a net total of $2,019.56 to run this service for the year.

Our service is made up of 23 dedicated people. A schedule has been set up for nights with 2 and 3 people standing by at home on a certain night to cover this service. So far it is working well. We have 5 regular drivers, 7 regular attendants, 5 stand-by drivers and 6 stand-by attendants.

Five of our people have taken an extended first aid course consisting of 81 class room hours at the Waldo Regional Vocational School. They came out of this course as EMTAs (Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance).

The reason I have asked for more funds this year is because of rising costs; plus,soon the state is going to require EMT-As on all ambulances. We are getting a jump on this by sending a few people to school each year until everyone is qualified EMT-As. We have heard that the state will require this possibly as early as 1980. It will take us that long to get everyone through school doing it this way.

We badly need and can buy with the extra funds, a porta-power jack unit to help extricate people from wrecks.

My thanks to everyone who has helped make this service run smoothly.

Is your land subject to any enforceable restrictions which limit the use to which it may be put?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please indicate the nature of the restriction:
'(Check the appropriate block or blocks.)

Zoning ordinance ☐
Subdivision restrictions ☐
Recorded Contractual
Provisions ☐

(List of Estates not exempt from taxation)

(Other Please describe below.) ☐

4. Personal Property:

Check items owned or in possession and subject to taxation in the municipality in which this return is filed:

a. Stock-in-trade (wholesale and retail inventories). ☐
b. Industrial stock (raw materials, unfinished and finished goods). ☐
c. Machinery and equipment (industrial, mercantile, farm, etc.) ☐
d. Watercraft. ☐
e. Wood, lumber or logs (not included under a. or b.) ☐
f. Furniture and fixtures - store, office, commericial. ☐
g. Livestock. ☐
h. Other - Please identify briefly. ☐

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LIST OF ESTATES NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Filed Pursuant to Title 36, M. R. S. A., Section 706

To the Assessors of the Municipality of . . . . . .

1. I am a legal resident of . . . . . .
   (Municipality) (State)

2. Structures on land not owned by you:
   If Mobil Home: Give Make, Year, Model, Size, Cost when new.
   List property owned by you on April 1, which is located on leased land or land not owned by you, including dwelling houses, house trailers, camps, stores, storehouses or any other structures.
   Identify landowner and location in each case.

Location (Street and number, or other brief description)	Owner of Land	Type of Structure
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet.)

3. Real Estate

List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation on April 1 of the year for which this list is filed, and located in the municipality in which this return is filed:

Location (St. and Number, or other brief description)	Area of Land (Lot Dimensions in ft.; or acres)	Buildings, Mobile Homes (As, dwelling, farmstead, Mobil Homes, store, garage, etc)
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet).

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered since the previous April 1?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, identify building and give brief description of construction or alteration.

The foregoing is submitted in compliance with Title 36, M. R. S. A. Section 706, and is true and correct to the best of my belief as of April 1 of the current year.

I understand that the assessors (or any of them) may require me to make oath of the foregoing; and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquires and subscribe the same will bar an appeal to the County Commissioners.

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Date

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Name of Taxpayer - Please Print

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Signature of Taxpayer. If signed on behalf of corporation, please state capacity.

Return before May 1st.

SEARSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE (Cont.)

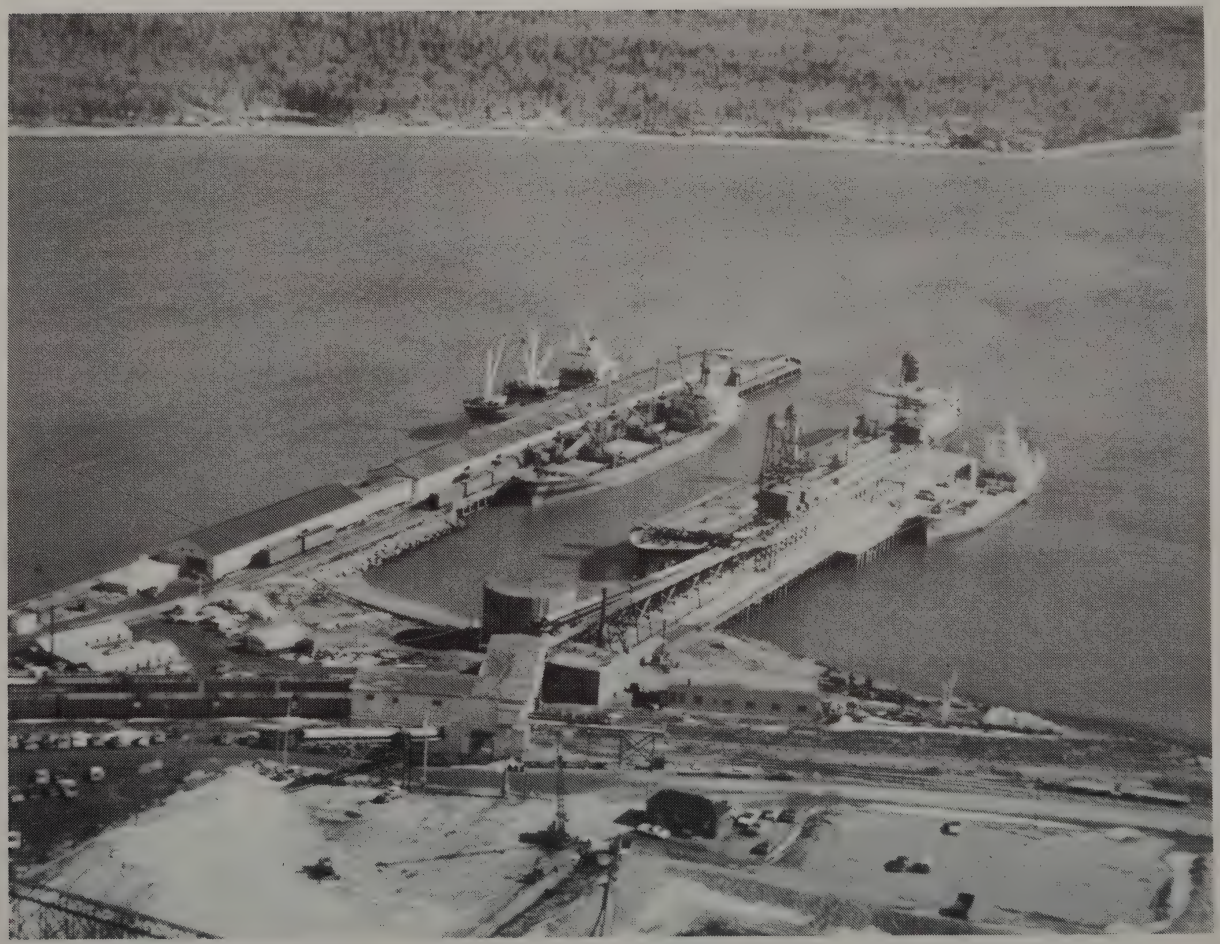
Below you will find a breakdown of the calls answered in 1976.

Trips made to:

Bangor	9
Belfast then transferred to Bangor	3
Pen Bay	3
Belfast then transferred to Pen Bay	3
Waterville	1
Belfast then transferred to Waterville	1
Camden	1
Belfast then transferred to Camden	1
Rockland	1
Belfast	71
Brewer	1
Portland	1
Belfast Hosp. to Bradbury Nursing Home	1
Belfast to Penobscot Nursing Home	1
Belfast to Bayview Nursing Home	1
Calls cancelled enroute	5
DOA	3
Assists to Stockton:	
Belfast	1
Bangor	1
	109 calls

Respectfully submitted

James H. York Sr., Ambulance Capt.



"FULL HOUSE" ON THE WATERFRONT
Photo by Wayne Hamilton

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The past year has been a very successful one for the recreation program in Searsport.

Our total program has been a tremendous success through the efforts of a very active committee membership.

Ellen Hills had a very successful program going on last summer. Many and varied activities were sponsored throughout the summer months including swimming, volleyball, basketball, movies, softball, road racing, bicycle racing, to mention a few. Miss Hills and committee members also entered a float in the Bicentennial parade with many of the children participating.

Through the aid of a State grants, we were able to maintain a part time director for the winter months. Miss Hills moved to another area for a full time position. We were sorry to lose her. At that time we hired Jamie Weggler as a part time director.

Jamie started the winter activities with a swimming program for the younger members of the community, mens night, family afternoon, basketball, skating and a physical fitness group.

A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carter for the use of their land for the skating rink.

Perhaps one of the most important undertakings of our town this year was the plans for the new tennis courts. They will be located at the elementary school grounds on Mortland Road and construction should start in the spring. We also have a new equipment building located at the park.

Our sincere thanks to the many community members who volunteered their time and energy to make our recreation program a success.

In closing, I would like to report that I believe some important advancements in the area of recreation have taken place this year thanks to the efforts of an extremely active committee and the support of our towns citizens and officials.

Members: Chairman, Harold Garcelon, Secretary, Ada Curtis, Emily Darby, John Barry, Phil Wolley, Dennis Kienow, Debra Coffin.

Respectfully submitted

Harold Garcelon, Chairman Recreation Committee

REPORT OF THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

At the time of this writing, the basement room of the library is nearing completion. The renovation of this room was made possible by Federal Revenue Sharing money voted on by the town people last year at the annual town meeting. We hope this lovely all-purpose room will be much used by the people for a meeting room and other functions.

Combination storm windows were installed on the main floor and attic windows. Some minor maintainance work was done, and a book drop will soon be installed so patrons may return books any time at their convenience.

The weekly story hour for young children has continued under the guidance of Marsha Blake, and a monthly film program was held in the winter and spring with Wilda Robertson in charge. The film program will resume under the direction of Donna Dakin.

A very successful and well attended openhouse in April featured John Richardson, M.D., speaking on local history. In June and July, the library again sponsored the summer reading program for children under Mrs. Card's direction. This reading club has run continuously since 1963.

The Annual White Elephant Sale and Open House was held in August, and was one of our most successful ones in terms of people attending and financial returns. This was followed by a plant and used book sale in September.

The 4 H Club held their Christmas party in the library and again decorated it for the holiday season.

Some of the elementary school classes visited the library with their teachers and received information regarding checking out books and use of the card catalog.

Our free shelf consisting of current used magazines donated by area residents has proven to be very popular. We continue to carry booklets of a wide variety offered by the University of Maine Extension Office in Belfast.

I would like to thank the board members and Mrs. Card for the assistance given me throughout the year, and also thank our Town

Manager, Peter Garland, and the Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board

Marjorie Knuuti, President

Board Members of the Carver Memorial Library

Miss Sally E. Dow	Honorary President
Mrs. Harold Knuuti	President
Mrs. Bruce Probert	Vice President
Mrs. Donald Garrold	Secretary
Mrs. Elmer Staples	Treasurer

Trustees

Dr. Elmore Andrews	Mrs. Sidney Campbell
Mrs. Edgar Carter	Mr. Robert Farris
Mrs. Charles Knox	Mr. Leroy Moody
Mrs. John Richardson	Mr. Carl Robbins
Mrs. Harold Warner (Stockton Springs)	

THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SEARSPORT, MAINE

December 31, 1976

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Expendible Assets:

1.	Check Book Balance	$ 1.00
2.	25 Shares Merrill Bankshares	500.00
3.	2 Shares Knox Woolen Co.	200.00
4.	Merrill Trust Co. Golden Passbook Clifford N. Carver Fund	1,632.56
5.	Merrill Trust Co. Savings #6764	4,093.33
6.	Blanchard-Richardson Fund	416.99
7.	Capt. Wilbur J. Carver Fund	218.81
8.	Henrietta G. McCaslin Fund	511.18
		$ 7,573.87

Invested Assets:

1. Town of Searsport Trust Funds

Ann McGilvery	$ 2,020.28
Amelia C. Ford	100.00
Charles P. Gordon	1,000.00
Annie Partridge	170.36
Cyrus True	500.00
Hannah L. Pendleton	100.00
William B. Trundy	3,000.00
	$ 6,890.64

TOTAL ASSETS $14,464.51

General Maintenance December 31, 1976

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Jan. 1, 1976	299,67		
Dues and Contributions	2.00		
Trust Fund Income:			
James P. Nichols	1,536.90		
Stock Dividends:			
Merrill Trust Co.	145.00		
Knox Woolen Co.	36.00		
Open House	6.00		
White Elephant Sale	331.61		
General Book Fund	29.00		
State Stipend	133.00		
State Library	195.00		
	$2,714.18		
Janitor		453.50	
Electricity		262.13	
Telephone		160.46	
Water		33.60	
Fuel		795.41	
Repairs and Labor		255.11	
Cataloging		97.50	
Misc.		25.00	
Magazines		48.00	
Books		582.47	
		$2,713.18	
Balance			1.00
Checking Account Balance December 31, 1976			1.00

Respectfully submitted

Geneva Sears Staples, Treasurer

THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SEARSPORT, MAINE

December 31, 1975

REPORT OF TREASURER

Expendible Assets:

1.	Check Book Balance	$ 299.67
2.	25 Shares Merrill Bankshares	500.00
3.	2 Shares Knox Woolen Co.	200.00
4.	Merrill Trust Co. Golden Passbook Clifford N. Carver Fund	1,553.25
5.	Merrill Trust Co. Savings Acct. #6764	3,933.64
6.	Merrill Trust Co. Blanchard - Richardson Fund	280.86
7.	Merrill Trust Co. Capt. Wilbur J. Carver Fund	207.27
		$ 6,974.69

Invested Assets:

1. Town of Searsport Trust Funds:

Ann McGilvery	2,020.28
Amelia C. Ford	100.00
Charles P. Gordon	1,000.00
Annie Partridge	170.36
Cyrus True	500.00
Hannah L. Pendleton	100.00
William B. Trundy	3,000.00
	6,890.64

TOTAL ASSETS	$13,865.33

General Maintenance December 31, 1975

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Jan. 1, 1975	$1,002.80		
Due and Contributions	109.00		
Trust Fund Income:			
James P. Nichols	1,618.69	(Transferred to Savings Acct.)	
Ann McGilvery	150.45		
Amelia C. Ford	5.70		
Charles P. Gordon	56.93		
Annie Partridge	9.70		
Hannah L. Pendleton	5.70		
Cyrus True	52.08		
William B. Trundy	170.74		
Stock Dividends:			
Merrill Trust Bankshares	135.00		
Knox Wollen Co.	32.00		
Open House	41.25		
White Elephant Sales	250.03		
General Book Fund	10.00		
State Stipend	119.00		
Trans. from Savings Acct.	1,200.00		
Lorna B. Richardson	140.00		
State Library	195.10		
	$3,685.48		
Janitor		414.00	
Electricity		285.91	
Telephone		156.26	
Water		33.60	
Fuel		664.87	
Repairs and Labor		880.67	
Cataloging		114.75	
Rug		204.97	
Chairs		280.00	
Misc.		72.10	
Magazines		22.50	
Books		256.16	
		$3,385.81	
Balance			$299.67
Checking Account Balance Dec. 31, 1975			$299.67

Respectfully submitted

Geneva Sears Staples, Treasurer

MOSMAN MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

To the Citizens of Searsport:

In the summer of 1921, Margaret S. Parse heard that the land now known as Mosman Park was to be sold as cottage lots. She wrote to Clarabel Mosman who owned the land and found out that it could be purchased for $2,000.00 if it were called Mosman Park.

Mrs. Parse tried to get the town to buy the property for a park but the town refused. Through her efforts in 1921, 165 citizens of Searsport raised $2,643.96. On December 31, 1921 a corporation was formed under the laws of the State of Maine. The name of the corporation was The Mosman Memorial Park Association. It's purposes were "the improvement of the Village of Searsport by purchasing, holding and caring for a public park to be called The Mosman Memorial Park".

By deed dated January 16, 1922 the land was conveyed to the Association by Clarabel Mosman for the purchase price of $2,000.00. The condition of this conveyance being that the land shall be used perpetually as a park. The Mosman Memorial Park was dedicated in 1923. From this date until June 1963, the association through the efforts of many people who gave of their time and money, has maintained this park as a beauty spot for the enjoyment of all the citizens of Searsport at no cost, asking for help only once in 1952. In 1952 the association asked the town for help in building a seawall. The town appropriated $2,500.00 which was used to build the seawall.

In 1963 a lease agreement was entered into between the President of the Association and the town manager, leasing the park to the town for $1.00 per year. Since that time the town has helped with the mowing of the grass and clean up operations.

At the town meeting in March 1976, $9,500.00 of revenue sharing funds were allocated to replace the rotted seawall and steps. This work was completed late in July of 1976. Because of the construction, the beach could not be used until August and the use of the picnic area was curtailed also.

MOSMAN MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION (Cont.)

At the annual meeting of the Association on August 4, 1976, the following officers were elected:

President	Bertwell M. Whitten
Vice President	James T. Verrill
Treasurer	Richard V. Palmer
Clerk	Mrs. Elmer F. Staples

Trustees: Mrs. C. J. Malmfeldt, Mrs. B. M. Whitten Mr. Palmer Pearson, Miss Sally Dow, Mrs. Alice Trundy, Mr. Charles Blanchard

At the 1975 meeting a committee was appointed to look into the cost of building a bandstand as much like the original one as possible. The committee submitted plans for such a bandstand and said they would ask for bids, but no action would be taken unless approved at a later meeting. Two new picnic grills that had been ordered were installed in August. The town manager presented us with a list of "Proposed Mosman Park Improvements" which could be financed with Federal Funds if they could be obtained. In as much as the Association had not been consulted prior to this meeting it was difficult to make a decision.

On August 13, 1976 the board of Trustees met to approve or disapprove the town manager's proposal. The proposal was disapproved by a 4 to 1 vote, but another meeting with the town selectmen was approved, to work out a new proposal.

On August 23, 1976 a new proposal was approved and the town manager authorized to apply for Federal Funds. In September, we learned that there would be no funds for this purpose.

Because of the uncertainty in obtaining funds for improvements, much of the work of improvement, except for normal maintenance has been postponed. We look forward to cooperating with the town to make as many improvements as possible with the funds available and wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the preservation of this beautiful recreation area for the citizens and friends of Searsport.

Respectfully submitted

Bertwell M. Whitten, President

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To the Citizens of Searsport:

This past year your Planning Board approved the one subdivision application presented to it, and we approved two of the three applications for construction within the shoreland zoning area. The board endorsed the enlargement of the Shady Rest Trailer Park and the expansion of apartments.

We strongly supported the concept of Searsport providing on shore support facilities for offshore oil exploration and development. We then sent a letter to Governor Longley stating our support and the reasons for this action.

After a lot of effort and some expense, your Planning Board applied to the state for permission to issue wetlands alteration permits and to substitute municipal subdivision permits for site location review on subdivisions up to 100 acres in size. Hopefully this would give Searsport more voice in determining its destiny. However, at a meeting with a representative of the Maine D.E.P. prior to approval of our application, we were told the D.E.P. would still rule on these matters in addition to local rule. We dropped the matter rather than encumber you with more delays and government red tape.

In the spring of 1976 we determined the Town's desire for a municipal parking lot. After working with the selectmen, exploring many potential sites, and drafting 5 preliminary plans we are stalled in our efforts to obtain an option on a practical site to present to the voters. This project will be on our work agenda in 1977 as will the comprehensive zoning plan which has been moving along slowly.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Probert, Chairman

"SEARSPORT COMMUNITY BETTERMENT"

Good-by 1976 - Hello 1977

Searsport's Bicentennial comes to an end. This is the fifth year that Searsport Community Betterment has made an annual report. This will be the last report. Congratulations to the new Searsport Chamber of Commerce which I hope will be taking over this report.

Here are some of the things that have taken place in 1976 in our town. Three and one tenth miles of new road has been made and tarred which has never been done before. One hundred and ninety eight trees are being taken down and will be replaced with different kinds of new trees. Our town wharf with the one hundred eighty five foot extension was done in time for our Bicentennial Dedication in July. The wharf was much busier this year. Many more sailing ships came in to tie up and the swimming and fishing were great. What a difference from when I was a child going to the wharf.

Our park was in full swing again with Ellen Hills as Recreation Director. She sure had a good program going. We were sorry to see Ellen leave for a new job. Ellen is now Recreation Director at Kennebunkport, Me. One thing that stood out with Ellen was the Pet show. It was really great. Many thanks Ellen. Our seawall at the park has been completed and really looks nice. We would like to welcome our new Recreation Director, Mr. Jamie Weggler who lives in Searsport. From all reports he is doing a great job.

Our Halloween program was a huge success again. Thanks to our Businessmen, Churches, Lions Club and Citizens of our town. Cash prizes were given of more than one hundred dollars. The parade and window paintings were great. We now have a savings account with Heritage Savings Bank with one hundred dollars in account to buy paint and equipment for the children. We do hope this program will be kept going in years to come. The Lions Club put the Halloween party on for the children at the Union Hall. Many thanks to all the Churches for help given by them in the past. Hope to see you all this year.

The town clean-up was again done by the youth group. They sure do a good job. A cookout was held for them at the park, cooked by the Boy Scouts. Thanks again for a job well done also the men who gave their time and trucks.

Adult Education at S.A.D. 56 is still going strong, many are receiving their diplomas. Service men are still taking this course on

their G.I. bill. We will be very sorry to see Mr. Clayton Blood leave as he was the one who started Adult Education in this town. He will still be with Adult Education in Augusta going all over the state. Thanks for all the help you have given us and myself. We will miss you Mr. Blood. We have our star in education which was awarded us in 1974. It will be put up on our Community Betterment board.

Work on our Library has been started which will include children activities game room, film room, meeting room and storage. What a lovely library.

More new developments in Searsport this year are the new Heritage Savings Bank, The Art Shop and Art Supplies, The Back Door, The Farmer's Daughter, Hickson's Flea Market, Morse's Used Furniture, The Pumpkin Patch, Barbara's Beauty Shop, Superior Shellfish Co., Garland's Insurance Agency, Don Hawley's Insurance, The New Christian Book Store, The Recreation Center on Main Street, One new dentist, Mr. Owens. One new doctor, Mr. Horrowitz. If I have left anyone out I am sorry.

Our 1976 Bicentennial Celebration: It was a gala affair. First of all we started off with an Art and Craft show, then a supper at the Gym, followed by a Fashion show, then we had a musical "Martha's Magnificent Dream" written and directed by Valarie Murphy. Simply grand. The book "The Way We Were" written by Mrs. Eleanor Sullivan, then the Bicentennial Ball at Union Hall, the band was the Tom Cats. Then the Fire Works put on by the Blue Hill pyrotechnics Inc. Many thanks to Warner Hamilton, chairman of the fire works. Many comments on how great the fire works were. Hope there will be more in years to come. In july there will be another parade and fire works to keep up the celebration of our independence and freedom. Next in line is the parade, due to rain we did not get to hear the United States Army Band from Fort Dix, New Jersey. They were called the Dough Boys. I have been asked to get the band back for a recall but it can't be done without cost to the town and what a cost it would be. I would like to thank all the Judges that participated in the parade also the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, National Guard Co. B, The National Guard Helicopter Squadron with Bob Basset of Searsport as the pilot, Mc Cobb Company, to all Anna Temple-Units, especially for coming back the next day. To Bruce Probert who portrayed Uncle Sam, Allen Dakin on his drum, Sargent Jerry Day United States Army, Rep. Melvin Shute, Congressman Dave Emery and Charles Smith, Merrill Transport Co. for their trucks and drivers, Perley Andrews for his antique cars, to Richard and Sharon Montgomery, Doctor and

Marge Knuuti. To Inez Campbell and Mrs. Clements for their music, to our Searsport Police Department for a great job, to all the organizations who put floats in the parade. Special thanks to my old side kick Ada Curtis for all the help she has given me. To Stan Schoffield, chairman of the Searsport Bicentennial, also his wife Barbara, thanks for a job well done. This will be my last report and I would like to give a very special thanks to our Town Manager, Peter Garland and his wife Larry for all the help they have given me. To Bill and Fran Bowen for the beautiful plaque that Bill carved and presented to me at the park. Thanks to family and friends who came from out of state and took part in our parade.

My joy has been in participating in all the projects that could help the town I live in and love.

Respectfully submitted

Emily E. Darby

REPORT OF THE SEARSPORT INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee was in hopes of exercising the option to purchase the Tymeson Land at the corner of Route One, and Station Avenue. However, the Budget Committee voted to table this project for the time being, and it does not appear that any developments will be forthcoming in 1977. This move by the Budget Committee is regrettable since one group has already made a verbal commitment to construct a warehouse and an office building on the proposed site.

The Industrial Committee will study alternate sites to take advantage of available Federal and State Building Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Hans J. Burkard, Chairman

Peter Garland
Ernest Hess
Leroy Moddy
David Whitehouse
Lloyd Wentworth
Donald Ruttenberg

1976
WALDO COUNTY EXTENSION ASSOCIATION
ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT

During 1976 a variety of programs have been planned and conducted by the Waldo County Extension Association and the Cooperative Extension Service staff of the University of Maine at Orono.

The 4-H program included the following:

- Sixteen 4-H clubs in eleven towns
- A road rally in Stockton Springs
- A bicycle safety program in Swanville
- Rent-A-Kid program for Belfast Junior High students
- Several field trips and tours during the summer
- Six two-week nutrition education programs for 11-13 year olds
- Two three-day camping trips to Damariscove Island
- Two Waldo County youth participated in the Parade of Tall Ships aboard the "Harvey Gamage" in New York Harbor
- Three 4-H youths attended a Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C.
- Two 4-H youths were outstanding in the state and were rewarded with trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago

Programs for adults conducted this year include:

- Energy Conservation
- Winterizing your home
- Alternate sources of energy
- Understanding soil
- Forage and crop production for the part-time farmer
- Safe use of pesticides
- Care of fruit trees
- Seven home vegetable garden meetings
- Consumer fraud
- Stretching the food dollar
- Proper canning and freezing techniques
- Setting in zippers
- Making swim suits
- Quilling techniques
- Altering patterns to fit
- Planting and planning spring flower gardens
- Two six-week programs on clothing construction techniques
- Preparing homemade food mixes

In addition to these programs several newsletters were mailed to Waldo County residents and numerous consultations were held on individual problems.

If you wish more detailed information about the program of the Waldo County Extension Association, please contact one of the following board members:

Officers: Richard Stoughton, President, Unity
Dana Skinner, Vice President, Belfast
Jeanne O'Brien, Secretary, Belfast

Committee Members: Barbara Hills, Belfast
Marge Knuuti, Searsport
Walter Miller, Frankfort
Joseph Watson, Winterport
Grace Drinkwater, Belfast
Virginia Rimm, Monroe
Susan Curra, Knox
Karen George, Montville
Clarice Mitchell, Belfast

Extension Agents: Patricia M. Pierson
Harold H. Brown
C. Herbert Annis

REPORT OF AUDITOR

February 4, 1977

Board of Selectmen
Searsport
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and our understanding of the procedural requirements, a limited general post audit has been made of the accounts and records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 1976 and ending December 31, 1976.

We herewith submit our report consisting of exhibits and supporting schedules, together with such qualifications, analysis and recommendations consistent with requirements. Our examination has been made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests and detail of the accounting records as we considered necessary in the circumstances. This letter is subject to the limitation of time for complete replies to letters of verification.

Certificate

Based upon our examination and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet, exhibits and schedules properly present the financial condition of the Town of Searsport, Maine as at December 31, 1976 and the results of its transactions for the year the ended.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Wheeler
Public Accountant
826 Union Street
Bangor, Maine

WCW: cb

Exhibit A

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Comparative Balance Sheet

General Fund

ASSETS

Schedule		December 31, 1976	December 31, 1975
A-1	Cash - Checking Account	$ 18,043.75	42,393.66
A-1	Office Funds	100.00	100.00
A-2	General Funds Invested	259,878.50	260,000.00
	Town Wharf Fund Invested	--	126,281.65
A-3	Taxes Receivable - Current	21,889.76	28,477.69
A-4	Taxes Receivable - Prior Years	8,548.62	8,355.30
A-5	Tax Lien Mortgages	2,556.40	3,845.21
A-6	Foreclosed Tax Lien Mortgages	771.70	126.48
A-7	Capital Reserves Invested	21,150.48	1,486.25
A-8	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Inv.	21,408.27	12,017.60
	Total Assets	$354,347.48	483,083.84

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Schedule		December 31, 1976	December 31, 1975
A-9	Accounts Payable	$ 629.54	247.88
A-10	Capital Reserves	24,364.45	6,700.22
	Credit Reserve	--	12,607.58
	Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	8,330.27	8,387.70
	Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance Reserve	7,371.00	
A-11	Local Government Fund Reserve	(598.02)	1,112.74
A-12	Local Fiscal Assistance Reserve	21,408.27	12,017.60
Ex. D	Departmental Balances Forward	40,935.54	170,714.17
Ex. C	Unappropriated Surplus	251,906.43	271,295.95
	Total Liabilities, Reserves & Surplus	$354,347.48	483,083.84

DEBT FUND

ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	$ 23,580.78	29,475.96

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Notes	$ 23,580.78	29,475.96

A complete post audit report will be on file at the municipal office.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Comparative Balance Sheet

Trust Funds

ASSETS

Schedule		December 31, 1976	December 31, 1975
A-13	Cash - Checking Account	$ 42,942.56	41,680.56
A-13	Accounts Receivable	626.54	244.88
A-14	Time Deposits	13,687.97	12,992.33
A-15	The Merrill Trust Co., Agency Trustee	149,182.09	147,407.09
A-16	Maine National Bank - Trustee	5,895.58	4,947.12
	Advanced Deposit	600.00	
	Total Assets	$212,934.74	207,271.98

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 505.32	
Expendible Income	62,032.94	57,734.92
Principals - Expendible	2,182.64	2,173.22
Principals - Permanent Trust	148,379.42	147,513.42
Inventory Loss - Unallocated (a)	(1,015.58)	(1,015.58)
Funds Held Pending Acceptance	850.00	800.00
Unclaimed Deposit - Former Village Cemetery Association	--	66.00
Total Liabilities	$212,934.74	207,271.98

(a) Based on carrying value, not on market quotations.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Exhibit D

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Balance 12-31-75	INCOME: Local Taxation	INCOME: Federal Revenue (a)	INCOME: Cash Receipts State	INCOME: Cash Receipts Other	INCOME: Other Credits	INCOME: Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	EXPENSE: Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	BALANCES: Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:											
Administration		$ 6,740.00			13,341.71	20,194.90	40,276.61	40,336.83		(60.22)	
Town Officers' Salaries		14,350.00				10,000.00	24,350.00	24,057.96		292.04	
Town Clerk's Fees					1,608.89		1,608.89			1,608.89	
Assessor's Salary & Exp.		11,900.00					11,900.00	11,606.96		293.04	
Harbormaster Expense		250.00					250.00	250.00			
Unappropriated Income				539.69	991.46		1,531.15			1,531.15	
Renovating Union Hall	173.91	500.00					673.91	314.68			359.23
Planning Board	796.29	250.00					1,046.29	280.13			766.16
Regional Planning		555.93					555.93	555.93			
Conservation Commission		90.00					90.00	50.00		40.00	
Election Costs	(292.35)					292.35	--	--			
Group Life Ins.		400.00					400.00	400.00		(.40)	
	677.85	35,035.93		539.69	15,942.06	30,487.25	82,682.78	77,852.89		3,704.50	1,125.39
PROTECTION:											
Land for Public Safety Bldg.	6,000.00						6,000.00				6,000.00
Street Lights		9,000.00					9,000.00	7,747.45		1,252.55	
Fire Dept.		7,820.00					7,820.00	7,748.78		71.22	
North Searsport Fire Dept.		1,750.00					1,750.00	1,502.66		247.34	
Police Department		7,588.00	8,090.00	635.00	162.00	10,000.00	26,475.00	25,327.03		1,147.97	
Hydrant Rental		12,000.00					12,000.00	10,640.00		1,360.00	
Insurance		9,500.00			715.16		10,215.16	10,178.02		37.14	
Civil Defense	708.40	200.00		125.00			1,033.40	228.35			805.05
Joint Shellfish Consv. Program	300.00						300.00				300.00
Fire Station Renovation	80.22						80.22	80.22			
Fire Equip. Capital Reserve		4,000.00					4,000.00	4,000.00			
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve		2,000.00					2,000.00		2,000.00		
North Searsport Fire Dept. Land Purchase			1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00			
	7,088.62	53,858.00	9,290.00	760.00	877.16	10,000.00	81,873.78	68,652.51	2,000.00	4,116.22	7,105.05

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Exhibit D (Cont.)

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Balance 12-31-75	INCOME: Local Taxation	INCOME: Federal Revenue (a)	INCOME: Cash Receipts State	INCOME: Cash Receipts Other	INCOME: Other Credits	INCOME: Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	EXPENSE: Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	BALANCES: Forward
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:											
Town Roads		5,928.00	20,000.00		5,122.70	30,000.00	61,050.70	55,320.59		5,730.11	
Snow Removal	2,738.44	13,000.00		3,629.00	1,293.25		20,660.69	13,359.18			7,301.51
Equipment	17,277.81				13,146.97	258.10	30,682.88	15,126.83			15,556.05
State Aid Construction		9,594.00			9,594.00			9,594.00			
Town Wharf & Ramp	1,452.39	1,300.00					2,752.39	2,498.49			253.90
Municipal Garage Construction	21.15						21.15				21.15
Town Wharf Ext. & Dredging	139,747.54				2,428.76		142,176.30	140,768.62	1,281.65		126.03
Town Trees & Stumps		7,100.00		2,596.00	1,000.00	4,935.00	15,631.00	15,631.00			
	161,237.33	36,922.00	20,000.00	6,225.00	22,991.68	35,193.10	282,569.11	252,298.71	1,281.65	5,730.11	23,258.64
HEALTH & SANITATION:											
Health Officer		150.00					150.00	150.00			
Other Health Services		100.00					100.00	16.00		84.00	
Mid-Coast Mental Health		400.00					400.00	400.00			
Municipal Dump		5,620.00			2,678.25		8,298.25	7,228.88		1,069.37	
Ambulance Operation	988.79	2,000.00			1,047.53		4,036.32	3,051.09			985.23
Sewer Maintenance		1,000.00					1,000.00	419.07		580.93	
Plumbing Permits					921.00		921.00	1,023.37		(102.37)	
Mid-Coast Home Health Agency		312.50					312.50	312.50			
Ambulance Capital Reserve						1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Sewer Facilities Planning (Step 1)						5,750.00	5,750.00	3,668.47			2,081.53
	988.79	9,582.50			4,646.78	7,250.00	22,468.07	17,769.38		1,631.93	3,066.76
CEMETERIES:											
General Care & Care of Trees		2,900.00			2,210.00		5,110.00	4,728.34	381.66		
CHARITIES:											
General Charity		6,500.00			60.00		6,560.00	5,998.48		561.52	
Senior Citizens		1,160.00					1,160.00	1,160.00			
Belfast-Waldo Cty. Humane Society		300.00					300.00	286.18		13.82	
Community Alcohol Services		292.65					292.65	292.65			
Action Committee or 50, Inc.						500.00	500.00	500.00			
		8,252.65			60.00	500.00	8,812.65	8,237.31		575.34	
EDUCATION:											
School Admin. Dist. #56		176,626.01				1,331.09	177,957.10	177,957.10			
Uniform Property Tax		170,496.54					170,496.54	170,496.54			
		347,122.55				1,331.09	348,453.64	348,453.64			

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Exhibit D (Cont.)

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Balance 12-31-75	INCOME: Local Taxation	INCOME: Federal Revenue (a)	INCOME: Cash Receipts State	INCOME: Cash Receipts Other	INCOME: Other Credits	INCOME: Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	EXPENSE: Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	BALANCES: Forward
RECREATION:											
General Recreation		5,500.00		1,060.00	167.00		6,727.00	5,628.12	412.65	686.23	
Mosman Park	408.39	1,000.00			134.80	396.25	1,939.44	1,228.50			710.94
Snowmobile Revenue	504.01			552.00			1,056.01	187.25			868.76
Bicentennial Celebration	799.18	1,300.00			933.03		3,032.21	3,032.21			
Municipal Tennis Courts Capital Reserve						10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00			
Mosman Park Retaining Wall			9,500.00				9,500.00	9,500.00			
	1,711.58	7,800.00	9,500.00	1,612.00	1,234.83	10,396.25	32,254.66	29,576.08	412.65	686.23	1,579.70
DEBT. & INTEREST:											
Sewer Planning Note		7,722.69					7,722.69	7,722.69			
General Interest					5,593.17	10,169.36	15,762.53		64.63	15,697.90	
		7,722.69			5,593.17	10,169.36	23,485.22	7,722.69	64.63	15,697.90	
UNCLASSIFIED:											
Carver Memorial Library		1,900.00		328.00			2,228.00	2,223.50		4.50	
Carver Memorial Library - alterations			10,000.00				10,000.00	5,200.00			4,800.00
Promoting Searsport		1,500.00					1,500.00	178.00		1,322.00	
County Tax		17,284.50				24,500.00	41,784.50	41,784.50			
C.E.T.A.	(990.00)			3,916.00			2,926.00	2,926.00			
Option for Land Purchase			500.00		500.00		1,000.00	1,000.00			
Reservoir Construction - incidental costs						4,678.88	4,678.88	4,678.88			
	(990.00)	20,684.50	10,500.00	4,244.00	500.00	29,178.88	64,117.38	57,990.88		1,326.50	4,800.00
TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS	$170,714.17	529,880.82	49,290.00	13,380.69	54,055.68	134,505.93	951.827.29	873,282.43	4,140.59	33,468.73	40,935.54

(a) Denotes the amont and purpose appropriated by the legislative body of the Town out of the Local Fiscal Assistance Fund.

COMMENTS

The appropriations from the so called "Federal Revenue Sharing" funds were reviewed and in certain areas appear to be very clearly within the official definition of priority. It is recommended, however, that a definite policy be adopted by the budget committee in respect to recommendations in the area defined as "ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law" in which a difference of opinion is possible, despite the actual need. The total authorized use was $49,290.00 compared with other tax requirements of $529,880.82 (exclusive of the fractions in the tax rate) which well illustrates the value of a revenue sharing program.

It is noteworthy that the departmental operations indicate overdrafts of only $162.99 in comparison to lapsed unexpended balances of $33,631.72. This departmental gain contributed towards partial recovery of the $91,863.88 appropriated from surplus; an amount then justified by the financial position of the town. In this respect, the prior year's appropriations from surplus totaled only $20,895.00, therefore, the indicated decrease in surplus of only $19,389.52 this year is highly satisfactory. The value of this sound financial position is also reflected in the interest earnings from General Fund Investments that totaled $9,878.50, which is very satisfactory considering the time period between January 1st and the beginning of inflow from the new taxation.

The annual requirement of $5,895.18 towards retirement of debt reduced the outstanding notes to $23,580.78. The increase in Capital Reserves is also a source of satisfaction. In this present era of mandated capital expenditures, environmental remedies, and the demand for more protection, such provisions for the future reflect good judgement.

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine County of Waldo

To Albert Leavitt, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in said county.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Searsport, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said town, on Monday the 14th day of March A. D. 1977, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the Articles Number 1 and 2.

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Memorial Gymnasium in said Town, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, The 15th day of March A. D. 1977, then and there to act on Articles number 3 through all of said articles being set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect, by secret ballot, one Selectmen for three years, a Town Clerk, two School Administrative District No. 56 Directors for three years, one S. A. D. Director for one year, and nine Budget Advisory Committee members for two years.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen, in behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of, or lease any real estate it may now have, or come into possession of, during the year by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax lien mortgages for not less than the amount unpaid, plus interest and costs, except otherwise when voted on by the town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall become due and payable and see if the town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date, or act anything relative thereto.

Recommended by Municipal Officers that taxes shall be due Sept. 1, 1977 and that two thirds percent per month or part thereof be charged after Sept. 30, 1977. yes.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government, to include Social Security, Maine State Retirement and Blue Cross Insurance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $3,020.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from surplus and $10,000.00 from F.R.S.

Selectmen (SEL) voted 4-0 and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) voted 11-0 to raise $3,020.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from surplus and $10,000.00 from F.R.S. yes.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Officers for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $18,008.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from surplus, with $300.00 to come from S.W.D.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $18,008.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from surplus, with $300.00 to come from S.W.D. yes.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Assessing Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $839.00 and appropriate $11,761.00 from antirecession funds.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $839.00 and appropriate $11,761.00 from antirecession funds. yes.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Insurance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto. yes.

Requested $10,420.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $10,420.00.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto. yes.

Requested $300.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $300.00

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Carver Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,090.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $2,090.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $2,500.00 from F.R.S. for construction of a driveway and parking lot in the rear of the Carver Memorial Library, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00 (From F.R.S.)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 10-2 to appropriate $2,500.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Penobscot Valley Planning Commission, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $555.93

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $555.93.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus toward the payment of the Waldo County Tax Assessment for 1977, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $25,000.00 (from Surplus.)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Police Department for the ensuing year. These funds may be used to match Federal Funds under the provisions of the Safe Streets Act, as amended, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $2,554.00, appropriate $15,000.00 from F.R.S. and $15,000 from Surplus, with $1,000.00 anticipated to come from court fees.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $2,554.00, appropriate $15,000.00 from F.R.S. and $15,000.00 from Surplus with $1,000.00 anticipated from court fees.

Yes.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for the future purchase of a new cruiser or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $1,500.00

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate to replenish funds taken from Town Equipment Account to complete the purchase of the new 1977 police cruiser.

Yes

Requested $1,558.25

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $1,558.25 to be put back into the Town Equipment Account.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $3,820.00 and appropriate $5,680.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $3,820.00 and appropriate $5,680.00 from Surplus.

Yes.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the North Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,890.00

Yes

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $1,890.00

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for construction of a new 2-bay fire station at North Searsport, to include water, septic system, driveway, parking area, and landscaping, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $8,500.00 and appropriate $29,000.00 from F.R.S.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $8,500.00 and appropriate $29,000.00 from F.R.S. yes.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a new tank truck for the Searsport Fire Department, in addition to the $8,000.00 already set aside in reserve for this purpose, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $11,000.00 and appropriate $6,000.00 from surplus.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $11,000.00 and appropriate $6,000.00 from surplus. raise 16,000 yes.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operation of the ambulance (continuing account) for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,000.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC 12-0 to raise $3,000.00 yes.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in a Capital Reserve Ambulance Account for the future purchase of a new ambulance, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00 (from Surplus)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to appropriate $1,500.00 from surplus. yes.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Hydrant Rental for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $14,700.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC 12-0 to raise $14,700.00 yes.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Street Lights for the ensuing year, to include relocations, changes and additions to the present street lighting facilities, or act anything relative thereto.

yes.

Requested $9,600.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $9,600.00

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to install Mercury street lights as follows:

1. On pole no. 508 (CMP) on old County Road
2. On pole no. 31.1 (CMP) on Mt. Ephraim Road

(The above are by request) Defeated

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Civil Defense for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $200.00 Yes.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town vill vote to raise or appropriate for the Town Dump for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $17,350.00 Yes.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $17,350.00

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Sewer Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,000.00 Yes.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,000.00

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for payment and interest for the Sewer Planning Notes, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $7,357.14 Yes.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $7,357.14

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health Services for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested:

Health Officer	$ 150.00
Other Health Services	100.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	487.75

Yes

Kno-Wal-Lin Community Health Serv.	340.00
Community Alcohol Services	292.95
Youth Alternatives Program	292.95
WCCSA-Home Repairs	192.59
	$1,855.64

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,855.64

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Welfare for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,500.00
SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $6,500.00

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested as follows:

Uniforms	$ 800.00
Utilities	3,600.00
Garage Maintenance	250.00
Cutting Bushes	1,500.00
General Road Maintenance	20,000.00
Calcium	650.00
Resh Road	3,000.00
Tarring and Patching	20,000.00
Sidewalks	1,000.00
Street Cleaning	1,200.00
Culverts	1,000.00
	$53,000.00

Requested from Excise Tax	37,000.00
Requested From F.R.S. account	12,000.00
Raise	4,000.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to appropriate $37,000.00 from Excise Tax, $12,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Account, and raise $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $8,000.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $8,000.00

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for state aid road construction.

Requested $10,392.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $10,392.00

Yes.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a new 2 cubic yard front-end loader, plus plow attachment, for Highway Department use, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $11,000.00, appropriate $21,500.00 from F.R.S. and $10,000.00 from Town Equipment Account.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $11,000.00 and appropriate $21,500.00 from F.R.S. and $10,000.00 from Town Equipment Account.

Yes.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to provide year-round road maintenance to a certain right-of-way off Norris Street, which travels in a westerly direction from Norris Street through the properties of Merle King and Gertrude Grant to the property of Nina Smith, or act anything relative thereto.

(By Request)

Yes.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Trees program for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,720.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $6,720.00

Yes.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Union Hall remodeling (Cont. Acc't.) for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $500.00

Yes.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $8,910.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $8,910.00

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in a Capital Reserve Municipal Tennis Courts Account, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,320.00 (from surplus)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 11-1 to appropriate $2,320.00 from surplus

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Town Wharf, float and boat ramp for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $2,500.00

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance of Mosman Park for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $89.06

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $89.06

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Mosman Park Account as a Continuing Account, or act anything relative thereto.

SEL and BAC unanimously recommend that this account be discontinued as a Continuing Account

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Harbormaster expense account for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $250.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $250.00

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Promoting Searsport, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,500.. yes

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance, and care of trees, in the cemeteries for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,700.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $2,700.00 yes

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Conservation Commission or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $90.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $90.00 yes.

ARTICLE 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be paid to the Central Senior Citizens Association for the support of Operation Sea-Me, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,160.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,160.00 yes.

ARTICLE 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for support of the Action Committee of 50, Inc., or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00 (from surplus)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to appropriate $500.00 from surplus yes.

ARTICLE 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the care and protection of stray animals in cooperation with the Belfast-Waldo County Humane Society.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $500.00

yes.

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for purchasing and laying out of a right-of-way from the southerly end of Elm Street to the shore, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested ~~$1,500.00~~ $500.00

yes.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to take no action on this article

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts to be held in trust, and the income to be used toward perpetual care of cemetery lots, all as shown in the following schedule, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE-54 on next page →

Donor	Amount	Lot	Cemetery
Howard & Helen Wentworth	$200.00	242	Elmwood
James & Betty York	100.00	74A	Bowditch
William H. Goodell, Jr.	250.00	38	Elmwood
Edith Hamilton	100.00	79	Bowditch
Norris Jordan	200.00	98	Mt. Hope

yes.

The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 8:00 in the afternoon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Monday, March 14, 1977 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, this 7th day of February A. D. 1977.

/s/ Robert N. Kenney
/s/ Bruce Mills
/s/ James T. Verrill
/s/ Charles Blanchard
/s/ Lionell L. Merrill, Jr.

Selectmen of Town of Searsport.

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Gas Terminal Location Still 'Up In The Air'

The status of Sears Island as a potential Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) terminal site appears to be up in the air and dependent on a variety of future developments following completion of hearings on various possible terminal sites by the Federal Power Commission (FPC) in Washington.

full commission and the commission is expected to make its ruling later this fall.

If the FPC gives the St. John site the green light, but subsequent developments, including actions by Canadian governmental agencies, make that site economically unfeasible, Rogers

R.I. Site Favored For LNG Terminal

Federal Power Commission (FPC) studies of alternatives to the proposed St. John, N.B., site for a liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal have determined that, overall, Prudence Island, R.I. may be superior to Sears Island with the exception of the safety factor.

Selectmen Set Date For Second Hearing

Searsport selectmen declined to wait for their attorney's research and voted Monday night to set a new public hearing for April 25 on two connecting wood-frame buildings on Main Street which they want to condemn.

To Build In 1980— Coal Plant Schedule Announced By CMP

The Central Maine Power Co (CMP) plans to file in the next two weeks the first in a series of applications to government agencies to clear the way for a 600-megawatt coal-fired generating plant on Sears Island.

The plant and the island wou be served by a shoreline acce road and rail line and coal wo arrive on barges, unloaded a new pier facility and transpo to the plant and storage pile covered conveyors.

Searsport Defeats Winthrop, Loses Tourney To Katahdin

By Keith Knauti

Searsport's field hockey team and Buddy Elden 114th. The team was 14th overall.

Searsport Record Light Voter Turnou

Less than 100 Searsport voters turned out Tuesday night to adopt 51 of the 53 annual meeting warrant articles in rapid succession, providing a total 1977 municipal budget of $463,789, an increase of $112,685 over 1976.

Spud Ships On Standby; Cutters Busy With Ice

A dearth of potatoes and up to a foot of ice in the Searsport harbor were the major local shipping developments this week. Searsport Hartley Fraser, Searsport manager for International Terminal Operators, said Tuesday, "We have three (ships) in the bay and nothing to load."

Container Port

Unit Train Concept Teste With Delivery At Searsport

At The Top Of The List

HEADLINE MAKER — Again in 1977, Sears Island was the setting for some of the most significant news developments in Waldo County. The Journal editorial staff rates Central Maine Power Company's decision to build a coal-fired generating plant on Sears Island instead of the previously proposed nuclear plant as the top local story of the year. Other highlights of 1977 appear in the above review by Jay Davis.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	-	Dog Tax Due
	-	Fiscal year commences.
March 13-14	-	Annual Town Meeting.
April 1	-	All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1. Owners must bring in list of property to assessor to be eligible to make claim for abatement.
October 1	-	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
December 31	-	Fiscal year closes.

TOWN TELEPHONES

Town Office	548-2256
Fire Department - Searsport	548-2900
Fire Department - North Searsport	548-2920
Police (weekdays)	548-2256
(nights and weekends)	338-2040
Water District	548-2910
Town Garage	548-2821

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Municipal Report Competition

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SEARSPORT

1977

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Maine Municipal Association,

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Executive Secretary

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Bruce Mills
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TOWN OFFICERS

Peter A. Garland	Town Manager
Ruby D. Wood	Town Clerk
Howard Ruben	Assessor
Daniel C. Rich	Searsport Fire Chief
Pearley B. Seekins	N. Searsport Fire Chief
Daniel C. Rich	Forest Fire Warden
Gustave Szabronski	Plumbing Inspector
W. C. Wheeler	Auditor
Mornita Roberts	Civil Defense Director
Albert D. Leavitt	Police Chief
James Ower	Patrolman
Wayne Leavitt	Patrolman
Albert D. Leavitt	Constable
Roland Bragdon	Dog Constable
Ruby D. Wood	Registrar of Voters

SEARSPORT PLANNING BOARD

Robert England	Term Expires 1982
Eleanor Sullivan	Term Expires 1981
Bruce Probert	Term Expires 1980
Donald Ruttenberg	Term Expires 1979
John Merrithew	Term Expires 1978
Charles Courant	Alternate
Robert A. Clark	Alternate

SEARSPORT BOARD OF APPEALS

Catharine Andrews	3 yrs.	Roger Farris, Sr.	1 yr.
Leroy A. Moody	2 yrs.	Elmore Andrews	1 yr.
David Whitehouse	2 yrs.		

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Philip Wolley, Chairman
Harold Garcelon
John Barry
Ada Curtis, Secretary
Marge Knuuti, Ex-Officio
Emily Darby
Dennis Kienow
Debra Coffin
Randy Ashey
Kim Collins

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1978

Michael Knox
Leroy A. Moody
Willis Blake
Ann Brown
Colleen York
Ralph Rowe, Sr.
John Richardson
Charles J. Clark
N. Smith Clements

Term Expires 1979

Samuel Calderwood
Inez Campbell
Leroy F. Moody
Carl B. Robbins
William Shorey
Roy Dakin, Jr.
Richard Blake
James Johnson
David Whitehouse

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Donald Ruttenberg
John Richardson
Peter A. Garland
Robert England
Lionel Merrill

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hans Burkard, Chairman
Leroy A. Moody
David Whitehouse
Ernest Hess
Lloyd Wentworth
Donald Ruttenberg
Peter A. Garland

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Searsport:

It is my distinct pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Town for 1977. I am also pleased to report for the fourth consecutive year that the financial condition of the Town continues to be excellent. We were most fortunate to receive, or be working under, a total of nine (9) Federal and/or State Grants during 1977 and as you review the proposed 1978 budget, you can readily see that other Federal Funds also are having an increasingly larger impact on each year's total operating budget.

Federal Funding Programs and Grants are a way-of-life in this Country today and will undoubtedly continue to be on an ever-increasing scale. It should be everyone's primary duty, therefore, to do everything possible to retain local control over the expenditure of these funds. Local government is still by far the best government of the three (Local, State and Federal), because it is closest to the people themselves. No effort should be considered too great to keep as much control as possible of our own destinies right here at the local level.

Our Unappropriated Surplus Account at year's end totals $235,161.39, the third highest ever for the Town. In addition to not having to borrow operating money each year (beginning in 1974) in anticipation of taxes, there is now another good reason to sustain a sizable surplus. In most cases, Government Grants are predicted on the basis that the recipient Town will spend their own funds first to complete the Project and then the awarding Government Agency will reimburse the Town for the total amount of previously expended funds. Without the "cushion" of a Surplus Account, we would have to go out and borrow the money each time prior to the acceptance of a Grant award.

As depicted by some of the newspaper headlines reprinted on the cover and pictures located elsewhere in this report, 1977 was indeed a remarkable year for Searsport. In this short span of twelve months, we

1. Received 3 LPW Grants (Federal), totalling $462,000.00, for construction of the following:

   a) a 750,000 gallon reinforced concrete water reservoir for the Searsport Water District ($289,000.00) This project got underway in November.

   b) a new seawall and large parking area addition adjacent to the Town Wharf ($123,000.00). This work also was started in November.

   c) the laying of approximately 4000 feet of 8" water main westerly along U.S. Route 1 from the Yarn Shop to Kob's Restaurant. ($50,000.00 plus $26,000.00 Water District Funds). This work is to be done in April, 1978.

2. Constructed a new two bay (with large meeting room) fire station in North Searsport.

3. Hired our first full-time (year-round) Recreation Director and constructed two tennis courts with the financial aid of 60% Grant Funds ($15,400.00 Federal and $3,080.00 State).

4. Converted our Town Dump to a Sanitary Landfill at a cost of $16,000.00.

5. Resurfaced Main Street (curb to curb) from Gordon's Garage to the Nursing Home, with the State paying for the traffic lanes portion and the Town assuming the costs of shoulder sections to each curb (approximately $8,000.00).

6. Reconstructed and hottopped the road to Swanville in North Searsport (from Mt. Ephraim Road to Dodge Corner) with matching State Aid Reconstruction funds.

7. Completed the removal of 198 diseased and/or dead roadside Elm trees and planted 75 more (for 3 rd consecutive year) replacement trees.

8. Purchased a new 2 cubic yard front end loader, complete with plow and wing, for year-round highway use.

9. Purchased a new 750 gallon pumper-tank fire truck for the Searsport Fire Department, which was picked up and delivered in February, 1978.

10. Bought a new police cruiser and purchased a light bar and radar equipment for same with the help of a 50% State Grant.

The accomplishment of all of the above in a single year without borrowing (the Town's total debt at the moment is a very low $17,685.60) and with only a 6% decrease in Surplus (from $251,906.43 to $235,161.39) is demonstrative proof of my opening statement that Searsport is indeed in excellent financial shape. In addition, you will be pleased to know that the total market value of the Town's Trust Funds at year's end was $168,927.57, another financial "cushion" in which we can all take pride.

I would like to express my sincere thanks once again to the Board of Selectmen, all of my fellow Town Employees, Members of our various Boards and Commissions and each individual citizen for their enthusiastic cooperation and assistance in making 1977 another "tremendous" year for Searsport!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Garland
Town Manager

1978

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING, ANTIRECESSION AND SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

General Government	$20,000.00
Police Department	5,000.00
Town Roads	6,000.00
Carver Memorial Library	500.00
New No. Searsport Fire Station	1,500.00
6 Cu. Yd. Dump Truck	15,000.00
Fire Alarm System	2,000.00
TOTAL	$50,000.00

ANTIRECESSION FUNDS

Town Officers	$29,000.00
Assessing Department	12,500.00
Police Department	18,500.00
Recreation	8,000.00
TOTAL	$68,000.00

SURPLUS

General Government	$20,000.00
Town Officers	5,000.00
County Tax	25,000.00
Police Department	10,000.00
Fire Department	5,000.00
Street Lights	2,000.00
Action Committee of 50, Inc.	500.00
Ambulance Reserve	2,000.00
6 Cu. Yd. Dump Truck	2,500.00
TOTAL	$72,000.00

1978 TOWN BUDGET

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

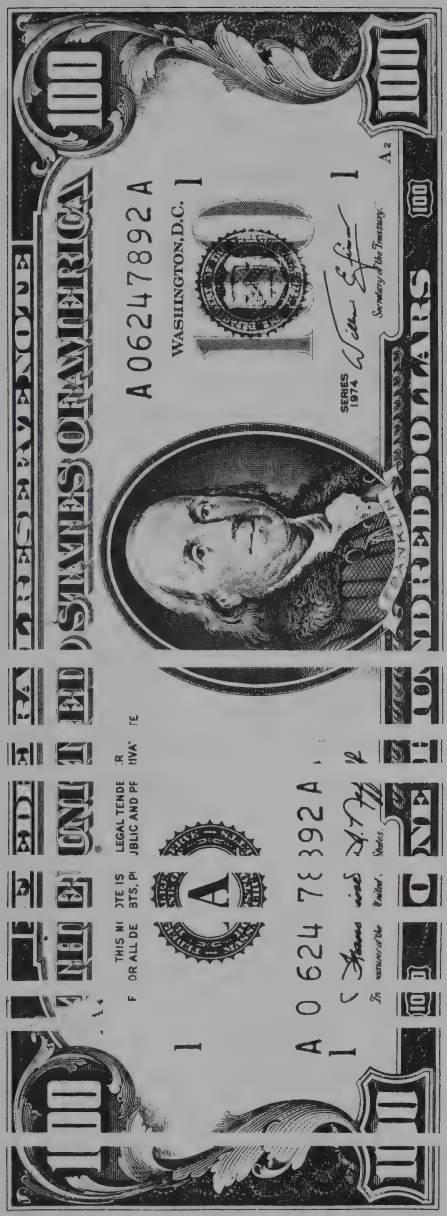
CATEGORY	BUDGET 1977 TOTAL Appropriations	1977 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1978 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
TITLE				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
General Government	$ 33,020.00	$ 30,931.38	$ 41,095.00	+ $ 8,075.00
Town Officers	28,308.00	28,251.78	34,530.00	+ 6,222.00
Assessing Dept.	12,600.00	12,381.19	14,150.00	+ 1,550.00
Insurance	11,420.00	11,419.21	14,800.00	+ 3,380.00
Planning Board	300.00	235.39	200.00	- 100.00
Library	2,090.00	2,090.00	2,300.00	+ 210.00
Penob. Valley Reg. Plg. Com.	555.93	555.93	555.93	
County Tax	38,000.00	33,217.50	30,000.00	- 8,000.00
PROTECTION				
Police Dept.	33,554.00	31,984.23	37,340.00	+ 3,786.00
Searsport Fire Dept.	12,200.00	10,959.20	11,550.00	- 650.00
No. Sears. Fire Dept.	2,890.00	2,562.22	6,050.00	+ 3,160.00
Ambulance	3,000.00	2,686.62	3,800.00	+ 800.00
Hydrant Rental	14,700.00	15,206.66	18,490.00	+ 3,790.00
Street Lights	9,600.00	9,449.46	11,600.00	+ 2,000.00
Civil Defense	200.00	261.24	200.00	
HEALTH & SANITATION				
Sanitary Landfill	27,540.00	27,876.08	14,780.00	- 12,760.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00	689.31	1,000.00	
Sewer Plg. & Int.	7,357.14	7,357.14	6,991.68	- 365.46
Health Dept.	1,855.64	1,755.64	1,157.25	- 698.39
Welfare	6,500.00	3,477.51	4,200.00	- 2,300.00

CATEGORY	BUDGET 1977 TOTAL Appropriations	1977 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1978 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
		COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, CONT'D.		
TITLE				
HIGHWAYS & TREES				
Town Roads	$ 61,150.00	$ 53,810.20	$ 54,200.00	- $ 6,950.00
State Aid Road Const.	10,392.00	10,392.00	10,392.00	
Winter Roads	11,629.00	22,853.03	21,922.52	+ 10,293.52
Town Tree Program	11,200.00	16,596.57	12,500.00	+ 1,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS				
Union Hall Remodeling	500.00	375.21	-0-	- 500.00
Recreation	8,910.00	8,755.09	15,883.00	+ 6,973.00
Town Wharf	2,500.00	2,169.10	2,500.00	
Mosman Park	89.06	731.18	1,500.00	+ 1,410.94
Harbormaster	250.00	250.00	500.00	+ 250.00
Promoting Searsport	1,500.00	54.00	1,000.00	- 500.00
Cemeteries	2,700.00	1,294.74	1,700.00	- 1,000.00
Central Senior Citizens	1,160.00	1,160.00	1,160.00	
Action Com. of 50, Inc.	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Conservation Comm.	90.00	50.00	-0-	- 90.00
July 4th Celebration	-0-	-0-	1,000.00	+ 1,000.00
Dog Officer	500.00	591,56	500.00	
Elm Street R.O.W.	500.00	338.87	200.00	- 300.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RESERVE ACCTS.				
Police Cruiser Reserve	1,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	
1977 Police Cruiser Purchase	1,558.25	1,558.25	-0-	- 1,558.25
Tank Truck Reserve	-0-	8,000.00	2,000.00	+ 2,000.00
Carver Mem. Library	2,500.00	7,523.30	500.00	- 2,000.00
Tennis Courts Reserve	2,320.00	29,256.65	-0-	- 2,320.00
Ambulance Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	+ 500.00
New Front-End Loader	43,984.65	43,984.65	-0-	- 43,984.65
No. Sears. Fire Station	41,925.00	38,911.26	1,500.00	- 40,425.00
Fire Dept. Tank Truck	27,000.00	26,979.00	-0-	- 27,000.00

CATEGORY	BUDGET 1977 TOTAL Appropriations	1977 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1978 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
		COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, CONT'D.		
TITLE				
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RESERVE ACCTS.				
6cu.yd. Dump Truck	$ -0-	$ -0-	$17,500.00	+17,500.00
Hopper Sander	-0-	-0-	4,000.00	+ 4,000.00
S.L.F. Equipment Reserve	-0-	-0-	5,000.00	+ 5,000.00
Dwelley Rd. Reconstruction	-0-	-0-	10,000.00	+10,000.00
M. Park-Baseball Bkstp.	-0-	-0-	1,100.00	+ 1.100.00
Mun. Bldg. Land Options	-0-	-0-	1,700.00	+ 1,700.00
Union Hall Electrical	-0-	-0-	6.500.00	+ 6,500.00
Portable Radios for P. D.	-0-	-0-	2.400.00	+ 2,400.00
Radios for Sears. F. D.	-0-	-0-	3,000.00	+ 3,000.00
Fire Alarm System	-0-	-0-	7,000.00	+ 7,000.00
Sub-Totals	$482,548.67	$513,982.35	$445,947.38	-$36,601.29

CATEGORY	BUDGET 1977 TOTAL Appropriations	1977 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1978 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
	COMPARATIVE SUMMARY CONT'D.			
LESS				
CREDITS AND RESERVES				
Federal Revenue Sharing	$ 90,000.00	$ 90,000.00	$*50,000.00	-$40,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus	114,759.65	114,759.65	*72,000.00	- 42,759.65
Searsport Water District	300.00	300.00	100.00	- 200.00
Stockton Springs	10,190.00	10,190.00	5.470.00	- 4,720.00
Excise Tax	37,000.00	37,000.00	47,000.00	+ 10,000.00
Maine Court Fees	1,000.00	760.00	750.00	- 250.00
Trees (State)	4,480.00	10,301.00	1,500.00	- 2,980.00
Snow Removal (State)	3,629.00	3,629.00	3,629.00	
Antirecession	31,198.00	31,198.00	*68,000.00	+ 36,802.00
Equipment Account	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-	- 10,000.00
Sub-Totals	$302,556.65	$308.137.65	$248,449.00	-$54,107.65
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	($199,429.02)	$205,844.70	$197,498.38	-$ 1,930.64
	$179,992.02			

1977 APPROPRIATIONS



$ 61.00 Education

$ 6.00 County Tax

$ 1.00 Welfare

$ 7.00 Highways

$ 3.00 Health & Sanitation

$ 6.00 Police, Fire Ambulance

$ 1.00 Miscellaneous

$ 9.00 Capital Outlay

$ 6.00 General Government

Out of Every $100.00

ANALYSIS OF 1977 TAXES

Where the Tax Dollar Comes From

Assessed Value

Land	$ 9,284,420.00	
Buildings	20,977,810.00	
Industrial Machinery	1,956,570.00	
Business Furniture & Fixtures	23,700.00	
Watercraft	58,740.00	
Miscellaneous	60,290.00	
	$32,361,530.00	
Veterans Exemptions	159,690.00	
Tax Rate of $15.90 per thousand	x.0159	
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$512,009.25

Where the Tax Dollar Goes

Town Government & Services	$ 186,429.02	
County Tax	33,217.50	
M.S.A.D. 56-Education	347,122.00	$566,768.52
Balance from Surplus, Supplemental & State		$ 54,759.27

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Confidence in Searsport was again materially expressed by the Home Owner, Merchant, Industrialist and Administration. The investment in her future continued at a steady rate and is reflected in the following statistics:

10 new homes completed	$ 290,000
5 new mobile homes installed	60,000
Commercial and industrial construction	500,000
Apartment house complex	490,000
Garages, additions and improvements	180,000
	$1,520,000

The Assessing department performed a revaluation in 1977, resulting in an overall increase in Real Estate and Personal Property Value of approximately $10,000,000. This increase (included was over $1,000,000 in new construction) resulted in a reduced tax rate of $15.90 per thousand. However, despite the lower rate, most taxpayers experienced an increase in their total tax, due in part to the loss of the Inventory Tax (as mandated by the state).

As evidence of our continuing effort to maintain a fair and equitable tax base, we attained an Equity Rating of 7 for the 1977 Tax Commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Ruben
Assessor

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1978

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 706, the Assessors of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine, hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality, that the Assessors' Office is open daily from Monday through Friday and will also be open the evening of April 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of revising lists of the estates, taxable in said Municipality.

RESIDENT OWNERS

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc., of all estates taxable in said municipality of such persons are hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April, 1978, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law to pay the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

PERSONS DOOMED

And any person who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the ASSESSORS or the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

Blank schedules have been printed on the center pages of this report.

/S/ Howard Ruben , Assessor

Date Posted, February 1978

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY
1977

Assessors in every Maine municipality shall list in the town report, or cause to be published in the local newspaper, the real estate property tax exemptions of institutions and organizations as defined in Title 36, section 652, and the real estate property tax exemptions of Federal, State and Municipal governments, along the municipal valuation of the exempted property the tax that would be levied on said property if it were not tax exempt. Cemeteries and houses of religious worship, but not other properties owned by a religious society, shall be exempted from these requirements.

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
8,880	Historical Society	12	26	$ 141.19
14,850	Town of Searsport			236.11
	Gravel Pit & Dump	2	46	
1,670	Fire Station	5	40A	26.55
150	Land	5	49A	2.38
13,820	Land & Buildings	12	75	219.73
380	Parking Lot	15	46A	6.04
18,880	Fire Station	16	26	300.19
48,910	Town Hall	16	44	770.60
1,000	Land & Equip. Site	2	63A	15.90
54,140	Land & Highway Garage	2	20A	860.82
1,080	Land	11	16	17.17
13,230	Land	11	17	210.35
1,590	Land	11	15A	25.21
1,593,810	United States Government	7	51	25,341.57
50,390	MSAD #56 Offices & School	15	38	801.20
1,290,170	" Elementary & HS Jr. H	17	16	20,513.73
42,020	" Central School	16	42	668.11
3,340	" Parking Lot	16	37A	53.12
4,070	" Parking Lot	2	99	64.70
156,770	State of Maine	1	36	2,492.64
19,290	" " "	1	37	306.71
53,290	" " "	1	38	847.31
10,350	" " "	7	70	164.56

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY (Cont.)

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
31,510	Searsport Lions Club	2	17C	501.00
43,900	Searsport Water Dist.	2	19	698.01
3,000	" " "	5A	19 & 18	47.70
3,920	" " "	5A	14	62.32
3,000	" " "	5A	25 & 26	47.70
2,250	" " "	5	57A	35.77
1,500	" " "	5A	39	23.85
3,000	" " "	5A	60E & 63E	47.70
12,140	" " "	6	69	193.02
216,000	" " " Right of Ways, Mains,			3,434.40
11,200	" " "	5	67	178.08
490	" " "	5A	29	7.79
1,500	" " "	5A	32	23.05
6,130	" " "	5	59	97.46
65,740	Mosman Park	12	55 & 56	1,045.34
1,900	Carver Memorial Library	12	96	30.21
53,570	" " "	16	40	851.76
3,580	Penobscot Marine Museum	16	13	56.92
33,370	" " "	16	14	530.58
25,180	" " "	16	23	400.36
17,070	" " "	16	22	271.41
29,430	" " "	16	24	467.93
22,470	" " "	16	25	357.27
20,900	Congregational Parsonage	13	33	332.31
16,240	" Vestry	16	12	258.21
17,000	Methodist Parsonage	12	23	270.30
5,890	Full Gospel	12	1	93.65
21,170	" "	12	2	336.60
2,120	" "	6	39	33.70
1,200	" "	7	116	19.08
3,510	" "	7	117	55.20
13,520	Granite Grange Hall	5	37	214.96
8,530	Community Benefit Club	7	96	135.62

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance, December 31, 1977		$18,043.75

RECEIPTS

Collection of Taxes:		
1977	477,273.61	
1976	14,867.34	
1975	87.03	
Supplementals	5,637.78	
		497,865.76
Excise Taxes		51,945.28
Tax Liens:		
1976	3,522.32	
1975	1,990.07	
		5,512.39
Sale of Property:		
Tax Acquired	603.78	
Other	225.00	
		828.78
Revenue Sharing:		
Federal	78,539.00	
State	16,485.43	
		95,024.43
Tax Anticipation Loan		30,000.00
Inventory Tax Refund		46,339.65
Antirecession Funds		57,040.00
Withheld Employee Funds		13,567.72
Investment Withdrawals:		
Tennis Court Capital Reserve	10,533.20	
Federal Revenue	90,000.00	
General Funds	258,396.62	
		358,929.82
Summary of Operating Accounts:		
State of Maine	39,748.23	
Other Sources	54,591.17	
		94,339.40
Total Receipts		1,251,393.23
Cash Adjustment -		
Less "Insufficient Funds" check - uncollectible debt		10.16
		1,251,383.07
Total Available		1,269,426.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Summary of Operating Accounts	917,804.82	
General Funds Invested	200,000.00	
Repaid Tax Anaticipated Loan	30,000.00	
Property Taxes Refunded	331.64	
Excise Taxes Refunded	244.08	
Capital Reserves Invested	4,931.55	
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	78,539.00	
Employee Funds Transmitted	13,672.90	
Total Disbursements		1,245,523.99
Cash Balance, December 31, 1977		$ 23,902.83

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Adamski, Stephen P.	8.10
Alpendorf Realty	973.87
Ashey, Leland & Linda	502.28
Ashey, Ronald & Carolyn **	114.51
Ashey, Terrance	154.86
Baldacci, Vasco & Marquriete	13.99
Barlow, Louise	64.07
Barnes, Donald	3.18
Bayview Nursing Home	495.08
Berry, George & Wilma *	77.43
Berry, Richard	55.65
Birgfeld, Douglas S. Jr. & Brenda	512.77
Black,Ed. P. Heirs	74.25
Blake, Charles	29.89
Blood, Clayton & Barbara *	496.07
Boulier, James & Donna	144.84
Bowen, Carl L.	274.43
Bragdon, Wm. & Ethelyn Reed	13.99
Brown, Glenn	87.45
Brown, Herbert & Joan	261.71
Castoro, Joseph & Diane	124.33
Chuprevich, Joseph	105.09
Clark, Elmer Jr. & Elizabeth	23.85
Clark, Robert A. & Jeanette	300.35
Closson, Clyde *	159.47
Cogswell, James	71.55
Cogswell, Lucille *	94.44
Comer, Cary & Sonja T.	231.02
Connor, Herbert R. & Theresa	63.60
Cook, Baxter R. & June E.	224.34
Cook, Edwin E. & Ramona D.	66.93
Cook, Ronald	172.67
Cook, Shirley & Irene	82.99
Cook, Wesley	37.85
Corbin, Claude P. & Mary R.	185.71
Curtis, Ada N.	155.97
Curtis, Cameron *	83.63
Curtis, Damon & Nancy	6.83
Curtis, Roland & Doreen L.	68.68
Dakin, Lee A. & Rose M.	210.35
Dawbin, George & Kathryn	3.18
Dehmlow, Ervin	106.37
DeSalvo, Albert & Pearl	54.21

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Donovan, Edward & Mary *	609.60
Dorr, Carl & Priscilla	52.94
Dudley, Esther *	27.34
Dyer, Roland	51.51
Ellis, Austin & Caroline *	31.00
Elwell, Clyde *	427.55
Farmer's Home Administration	256.78
Faulkingham, Joan & Frederick	101.44
Fawcett, Frederick J. & Betsy C.	288.42
Femiano, Dominic	330.40
Ferris Music Service	18.28
Fongeallaz, Richard A. & Valerie A.	24.64
Fowler, Albert	78.70
Fraser, Clair T.	231.98
Fratzel, Noma P.	59.78
Gale, Elmore E. & Shirley M.	15.74
Glidden, Basil	326.42
Gould, Robert & Phyllis G.	159.79
Grant, Joseph C.	151.05
Grant, Kenneth H. & Janet A.	307.82
Grant, Vernon	96.67
Gray, Vernard G. Jr.	34.98
Gross, Foster & Greta *	132.12
Gross, Una & Elwin Bennett	100.01
Hall, Albert & Claudia	136.10
Hamilton, Gary & Priscilla L.	145.32
Hamilton, Jessie Heirs	183.48
Hamilton, Laura Heirs	202.88
Harvey, Kenneth & Sonja	80.29
Hathaway, Donna	213.37
Hendrick, Richard M. & Clara *	121.79
Hersom, Myron E. & Carol F.	394.16
Hodgdon, Jeanie W.	941.75
Larabee, Francis Heirs	21.46
Howard, Charles	4.77
Howard, Rickey N. & Jackie L.	430.73
Huntley, Sandra	100.17
Hurd, Howard & Charlotte *	76.32
Ireland, George & Harriett	94.44
Jewell, Dena	87.45
Kalis, Stanley G.	911.07
Keniston, Jesse & Gertrude	161.86
Kenney, George A.	96.19
Kinney, Albert & Gertrude	34.18
Kinney, Kenneth *	165.83
Kinney, Max G. & Iva E.	1,158.94

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Knowlton, Roland H. Jr.	114.79
Krienke, Dale & Patricia M.	320.22
Lambeth, Carl	51.55
Larson, Russell & Patricia	126.24
Leavitt, George D. *	2.06
Lemieux, Susan	110.50
Lloyd, Alice	160.59
Lockhart, Wallace *	89.67
Long, Sylvia	440.58
Lord, Janet & Deborah Lovejoy	220.21
Lufkin, Wilson & Mabel W.	580.19
MacKenzie, Barbara G.	101.76
Mercer, Robert & Bonnie	175.53
Merithew, Edna, Margaret & Anthony	409.41
Merithew, Royal A.	12.89
Mitchell, Charles A.	55.33
Moody, Frederick C. **	73.71
Moulton, Ronald	127.67
Moulton, Winfield & Pearl	212.42
Munro, Richard & Priscilla	46.58
Narofsky, Alex & Rose *	1,003.44
Narofsky, Alex *	680.67
Nickels, Elizabeth	24.96
Nickerson, Annie J.	186.18
Nickerson, Elmer C. & Sarah R.	143.57
Nickerson, Raymond & Judith	89.04
Nickerson, Robert M.	74.57
Nickerson, Tilden	96.03
O'Brien, Virgil	3.18
Payson, Ronald P. & June	128.64
Peak, Arlene	3.18
Pearson, Palmer B. & Barbara C. *	246.26
Pease, Donald & Melvina	159.00
Pendergast, David & Barbara	6.20
Perkins, Elmer & Agnes M.	270.77
Perkins, Marion	62.96
Perry, Joseph A. & Lorraine Haynes	827.75
Philbrook, Roderick	104.94
Pomeroy, Hugh Jr.	86.97
Pomeroy, Steve	5.56
Reed, Willis	80.13
Reynolds, O. C.	71.55
Rice, Peter L. & Rebecca	385.32
Rigby, William & Margaret	86.17
Robbins, Arthur Heirs	38.95
Robbins, Barbara	236.91

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Robbins, Carl B. & Merrill Smith *	79.81
Roberts, Gary H. & Barbara J.	253.28
Robinson, Dexter A. Jr.	143.10
Ruhlin, Donald B. & Maxine B.	25.44
Russell, George & Beverly L.	199.38
Russell, Will L. & Marjorie B.	124.02
Sale, Alfred	39.75
Savage, Edwin J. & Marjorie L.	453.78
Seekins, Berdena H.	50.40
Seekins, David Paul	402.74
Seekins, Josephine **	183.64
Smith, Carlton R. Jr. & Gloria	280.95
Smith, Roger & Beverly	339.14
Stevens, Gerald P.	2.06
Stevens, Myra	165.67
Stover, Lloyd	122.11
Sullivan, Louise, R.W. & Annie Osborne	74.09
Swift, Fredda	502.91
Sylvester, Lloyd **	168.09
Sylvester, Peter	44.52
Tenney, Emery	12.72
Taylor, Helen L.	135.15
Tozier, Charles Heirs	95.24
Tracy, Harold & Roberta	78.70
Trask, Richard *	7.63
Tripp, Larry	113.67
Walker, Joan *	31.95
Ward, Clarence & Raynetta	116.86
Ward, Clarence Jr. & Karen	96.19
Ward, Clifton & Sadie	214.49
Ward, Douglas	102.39
Ward, George B. & Caroline E.	28.30
Whitcomb, Roland	23.85
White, Martha J.	269.66
Williams, Ralph G.	262.50
Wolley, Philip & Patricia **	359.49
Yeaton, Richard & Florence	55.17
Young, Roy *	158.36
Young, Victor	36.41
	$31,173.50

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX

Lanpher, Donna & Warren W. **	172.67
	$31,346.17

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Douglas & Brenda Birgfeld	3.69
Vance Brown	2.05
Damon & Nancy Curtis	8.80
Joan & Fred Faulkingham	3.69
Kenneth Grant	4.10
Jesse & Gertrude Keniston	4.10
Elmer & Sarah Nickerson	4.10
Clifford Nutt	4.10
Virgil O'Brien	4.10
James & William Verrill	9.23
	$47.96

INVENTORY TAX

The Greenery	4.75
James & William Verrill	123.50
	$128.50

1975 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	5.46
Damon Curtis	4.20
Edward Donovan	8.40
Fred Faulkingham	3.78
Peter Kate	69.30
Marilyn Kenney	4.20
George Koppel	10.50
Jesse Keniston	4.20
Elmer Nickerson	4.20
James Verrill	9.45
Dana Barnes	3.78
Nehi Bottling	6.30
	$133.77

INVENTORY TAX

Peter Kate	4.50
George Koppel	11.25
James Verrill	117.00
	$132.75

1974 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	7.02
Damon Curtis	5.40
Edward Donovan	21.60
Albert Hall	10.80
Leon Howard, Jr.	8.10
Peter Kate	93.45
Elmer Nickerson	5.40
Larry Tripp	5.40
Penobscot Shores	46.25
	$203.42

1973 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	8.32

1972 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Damon Curtis	7.40
Magnum Oil	3,980.09
	$3,987.49

1971 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Magnum Oil	3,980.09

* Paid in full since Dec. 31, 1977
** Part paid since Dec. 31, 1977

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Garland
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Searsport:

Vital Statistics:

Marriages recorded	46
Births recorded	27
Deaths recorded	23

Dog Licenses issued:

Male dogs	152
Spayed female dogs	133
Female dogs	23
Kennels	2

Hunting & Fishing Licenses issued:

Combinations	168
Resident Hunting	239
Resident Fishing	189
Junior Hunting	83
Serviceman's Combination	11
Archery License	7
Duplicate Fishing	2
Duplicate Hunting	4
Pheasant Stamps	16

DEATHS RECORDED

Name	Date of Death	Age
Margie Seekins	Jan. 5, 1977	72
James P. Black	Jan. 15, 1977	75
Vivian A. Robbins	Jan. 15, 1977	
Laura B. Hamilton	Feb. 18, 1977	91
Baby Girl Perkins	Jan. 31, 1977	10 min.
Alden H. Stinson	Mar. 2, 1977	85
Harold J. Peak, Sr.	Mar. 29, 1977	45
Ellen M. Trundy	Apr. 1, 1977	91
Charles H. Mead	Apr. 21, 1977	97
Alfred A. Ashey, Sr.	May 12, 1977	66
Howel Gordon Lloyd	May 23, 1977	79
Louis N. Violette	May 30, 1977	72
Benjamin H. Littlefield	May 28, 1977	88
Joseph A. H. Aubut	June 19, 1977	60
Maynard A. Carr	Aug. 12, 1977	77
Albert E. Muldoon	Aug. 15, 1977	42
Clifton E. Ward, Sr.	Sept. 10, 1977	70
Nellie E. Littlefield	Sept. 11, 1977	80
Emery T. Tenny	Sept. 22, 1977	38
Helen M. Wilbur	Sept. 26, 1977	68
Lillian N. Hall	Oct. 16, 1977	89
Frances P. Calderwood	Nov. 30, 1977	70
Maurice Pendleton, Sr.	Dec. 4, 1977	78

Respectfully submitted
Ruby D. Wood , Town Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I submit the following report of Police activities for the year 1977 to the Citizens, the Selectmen and the Town Manager of the Town of Searsport.

The Police Department has had a very busy year due to the increase in crime and traffic. Also, the juvenile crime rate is becoming a problem of great concern, in that the department is handicapped in enforcing the juvenile laws because of existing leniency in those laws; it is something for concerned people to think about.

The cooperation of the citizens in helping solve crime in Searsport is remarkable and is appreciated greatly. Without you, we couldn't do our job.

A brief look at some of the activities:

Complaints	1141
Accidents	118
Arrests	81
Motor Vehicle Violations	136

We will continue to give our best to the citizens of Searsport by continually upgrading your Police Department so as to serve you better.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Leavitt
Chief of Police

Cottage Street (facing westward) at height of January 9, 1978 coastal storm.
Photo by John Makarowski

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1977
(Barney Hose Co.)

The Department answered 40 alarms during 1977, 9 of which were either false, short circuits, or malfunctions due mainly to the inefficient operation of the old red network telephone system, which has been in service for many years.

This system is, in my opinion (also, the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Advisory Committee and Town Manager), long overdue for a more modern and certainly more dependable alarm system for fire protection.

Many communities both large and small have installed the commonly called "Plectron" alarm system and are well satisfied with its performance. It has been demonstrated and accepted as the solution to the ever increasing problem of false alarms, short circuiting, etc. which occurs occasionally three and sometimes four times in one day, all of which causes concern to citizens, inconvenience to Fire Department Personel and also added expense, and, I must add when this happens at night there is no alternative but to cut power to the whistle and wait for repairs on the following day.

As your Fire Chief, I highly recommend making this change and believe it will greatly improve the warning system now in use.

Our new combination pumper-tank truck is ready for delivery and will replace the 1948 GMC which is to be transferred to N. Searsport as added equipment there.

This unit has been very faithful and has served well, but no longer meets underwriter's ins. approval.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Garland and all involved for their cooperation in helping myself and your Fire Department maintain and operate a share in public safety.

Also, to Jim York and his Ambulance Corp. These people deserve a lot more credit than they receive and, in my opinion, rate second to none.

Another reminder in regard to wood burning: observe safety regulations for installing wood stoves. These details are available at most dealers and if followed can and will prevent many serious and sometimes fatal fires.

In addition, the early warning smoke detectors are becoming less expensive and I recommend installing at least one or more per home. These devices have already been proven to be invaluable in saving lives. Also, most insurance companies are now giving a $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ reduction on all home owners policies upon installation of detectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Rich

Fire Chief

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 1976 - 1977

Dec. 6, 1976	False Alarm	4:55 P.M.
Dec. 8, 1976	Gordon Lloyd, Oil Burner	5:40 P.M.
Dec. 25, 1976	Roy Young, Chimney	12:55 P.M.
Dec. 30, 1976	False Alarm	4:15 P.M.
Jan. 7, 1977	Bruce Snowman, Stkt. Spr. Garage	9:20 P.M.
Jan. 10, 1977	False Alarm	9:20 A.M.
Jan. 15, 1977	Richard Verrill, Cedar Hedges, Chimney	3:00 P.M.
Jan. 16, 1977	Dennis Kienow, Chimney & Partition	12:30 P.M.
Feb. 2, 1977	Thomas Moore, Chimney	11:30 A.M.
Feb. 10, 1977	Richard Birge, Chimney	4:25 P.M.
Mar. 9, 1977	Gordon Lloyd, Gas Stove	9:10 P.M.
Mar. 20, 1977	Glenn Brown, Debris & Shed	12:35 P.M.
Mar. 26, 1977	Eugene Otis, Chimney	8:45 A.M.
Apr. 2, 1977	James Perry, Grass	2:45 P.M.
Apr. 8, 1977	Timothy Robinson, Auto Accident	11:55 P.M.
Apr. 11, 1977	Charles Rogers, Blacksmith Shop	5:00 P.M.
Apr. 15, 1977	Carlton Smith, Grass	1:00 P.M.
Apr. 16, 1977	Robert Nickerson, Dwelling	10:00 A.M.
Apr. 17, 1977	Lawrence B. Dakin, Grass	10:30 A.M.
Apr. 17, 1977	Delta Chemical, Barr, Grass	4:00 P.M.
Apr. 20, 1977	Douglas Latham, Grass	3:20 P.M.
May 9, 1977	Robert DeLaite, Chicken House, Stkt. Spr.	7:30 A.M.
May 12, 1977	Merrill Smith, Grass	2:45 P.M.
May 14, 1977	Fannie Bradley, Grass	12:20 P.M.
May 16, 1977	Maplewood Laboratory	5:20 A.M.
May 17, 1977	Town Dump	4:15 P.M.
July 26, 1977	Car, Owner Unknown	3:45 P.M.
July 29, 1977	Car, Owner Unknown	2:30 P.M.
Aug. 22, 1977	Gary Black, Stkt. Spr. House	9:15 P.M.
Aug. 29, 1977	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)	3:30 P.M.
Sept. 5, 1977	Herbert Connor, House Roof	12:00 P.M.
Sept. 17, 1977	William Shorey, Truck	8:30 A.M.
Sept. 22, 1977	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)	10:15 A.M.
Sept. 27, 1977	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)	1:15 P.M.
Sept. 27, 1977	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)	4:20 P.M.
Oct. 9, 1977	Roy Young, Chimney	2:00 P.M.
Nov. 10, 1977	Searsport Elementary School, Janitor's Supplies	7:15 P.M.
Nov. 16, 1977	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)	10:20 A.M.
Nov. 16, 1977	Car, Carl Robbins	3:45 P.M.
Nov. 19, 1977	Edith Hamilton, House	2:00 P.M.

TOTAL ALARMS - 40

NORTH SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL FIRE REPORT

January 1, 1977	Russ Larson	(Chimney Fire)
March 18, 1977	Smith Clements	(Chimney Fire)
April 2, 1977	Russ Larson	(Chimney Fire)
April 19, 1977	Doug Latham	(Brush Fire)
April 20, 1977	Doug Latham	(Brush Fire)
May 28, 1977	Kenneth Grant	(Chimney Fire)

Fire Chief, Pearley Seekins

Many thanks to Mr. Garland, The Board of Selectmen, Department members and to the Citizens for your cooperation in approving the building of the new North Searsport Fire House. It's a long time dream come true to the members of the North Searsport Fire Department and a great improvement to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearley B. Seekins
Fire Chief

Final inspection and approval of new 2-Bay Fire Station in North Searsport on 11/18/77.
Photo by Denise Goodman

AMBULANCE REPORT

To the Citizens of Searsport:

Throughout 1977, we responded to 97 calls, amounting to 3792 miles traveled, at a net cost of $2,686.62.

This year we are asking for $3800. The increase in the amount will be going to train more EMTs and for a badly needed new alert system.

I am proud to report that you have 11 licensed attendants (including a registered nurse), 6 EMTs and 2 drivers (who are in training). Three ambulance personnel have recently completed the EMT course and two more are registered to take the course this year.

In 1977 we purchased a Port-a-Power, which is used in the aid of extracation.

Monthly training sessions are held to continually inform personnel of new methods and any changes. Attendants are required to retrain in CPR each year, and Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care every three years.

Last year a new file card and map system was set up. What this entails is a file card stating the name and directions to the home of each resident. Also, any special medical need is added to the card. Maps of every road and street have been made to coincide with the file cards.

Included in the town report is a form to be filled out and turned in. If you have not already done so please do now. As this information is valuable to YOU; but, only if it is turned in.

I would like, at this time, to thank my ambulance personnel and all the citizens of our fine town for their cooperation and assistance in making this much needed service possible.

Thank-You.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. York, Sr.
Ambulance Captain

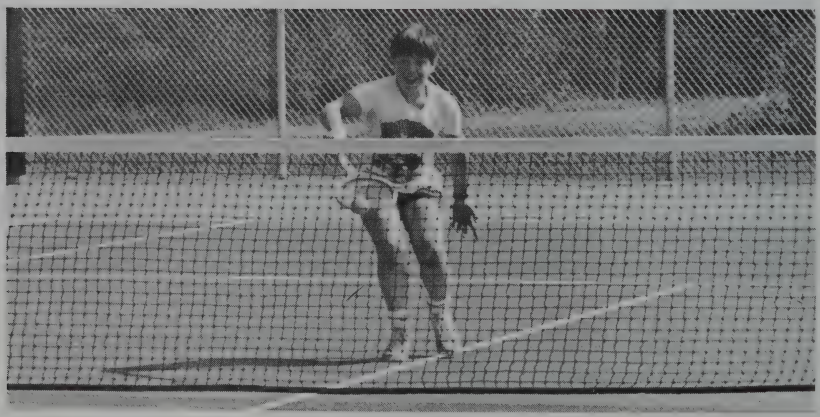
REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Two monumental events occured for the Searsport Recreation Committee this past year. The first and foremost being the hiring of our first full-time director. The Committee worked many long hours striving to make the proper selection for this position. There were over 60 applicants and the Committee personally interviewed 10 people and finally selected Miss Cathy Norris of Brewer. The Committee is very proud and pleased with their selection. Cathy, a graduate of the University of Maine in Presque Isle, has guided and molded our recreation program so that it includes, young and old, slim and stout, short and tall and male and female alike. Cathy's report to follow will inform you of the many functions she has and will perform. If you have a particular activity that you would like to see included in our recreation program, please feel free to contact Cathy Norris at any time. This is your recreation department.

The second event was the construction of the tennis courts located on the Mortland Road. Complete with lights for nightime use, this facility has been highly accepted and readily used.

I would like to express my thanks to the Committee for their utmost cooperation this past year, to Miss Susan Long, a resident of Searsport and also a student at U.M.O. for serving as Assistant Director this past summer. Also, to the School Department for the use of their facilities and buses, and to the many volunteers who helped make our recreation program successful.

Philip E. Wolley
Chairman
Searsport Recreation Committee



Is your land subject to any enforceable restrictions which limit the use to which it may be put?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please indicate the nature of the restriction:
'(Check the appropriate block or blocks.)

Zoning ordinance ☐
Subdivision restrictions ☐
Recorded Contractual
Provisions ☐

(List of Estates not exempt from taxation)

(Other Please describe below.) ☐

4. Personal Property:

Check items owned or in possession and subject to taxation in the municipality in which this return is filed:

a. Machinery and equipment (industrial, mercantile, farm, etc.) ☐
b. Watercraft. ☐
c. Furniture and fixtures - store, office, commercial. ☐
d. Other - Please identify briefly. ☐

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LIST OF ESTATES NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Filed Pursuant to Title 36, M. R. S. A., Section 706

To the Assessors of the Municipality of . . . . . .

1. I am a legal resident of . . . . . .
   (Municipality) (State)

2. Structures on land not owned by you:
   If Mobil Home: Give Make, Year, Model, Size, Cost when new.
   List property owned by you on April 1, which is located on leased land or land not owned by you, including dwelling houses, house trailers, camps, stores, storehouses or any other structures.
   Identify landowner and location in each case.

Location (Street and number, or other brief description)	Owner of Land	Type of Structure
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet.)

3. Real Estate

List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation on April 1 of the year for which this list is filed, and located in the municipality in which this return is filed:

Location (St. and Number, or other brief description)	Area of Land (Lot Dimensions in ft.; or acres)	Buildings, Mobile Homes (As, dwelling, farmstead, Mobil Homes, store, garage, etc)
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet).

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered since the previous April 1?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, identify building and give brief description of construction or alteration.

The foregoing is submitted in compliance with Title 36, M. R. S. A. Section 706, and is true and correct to the best of my belief as of April 1 of the current year.

I understand that the assessors (or any of them) may require me to make oath of the foregoing; and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquires and subscribe the same will bar an appeal to the County Commissioners.

. . . . . .
Date

. . . . . .
Name of Taxpayer - Please Print

. . . . . .
Signature of Taxpayer. If signed on behalf of corporation, please state capacity.

Return before May 1st.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This past year has been a productive one for the Searsport Recreation Program. In June of 1977, the Town's first, full time Recreation Director was chosen.

The summer program started with a three week swim program, under the direction of Marge Knuuti. A boys Babe Ruth team and a girls softball team were formed and participated in a league playing area teams. Other programs offered were tennis, basketball and special events highlighted the summer. Activities such as park picnics, a trip to Fort Knox, movies, bicycle excursions, scavenger hunts, to mention a few, were held throughout the summer months.

I would like to thank Emily Darby, John Barry and those at Merrill Transport who helped with the recreation float for the Fourth of July parade. A special thanks goes to all the children who helped decorate the float and participated in the parade.

Without a doubt, the most popular program that has arisen has been the tennis program since the completion of the new facility. Through the aid of federal, state and local funds and facility was completed and in full swing upon its grand opening in September. Better weather predicts that tennis will be one of the town's foremost recreational pastimes. The Recreation Department plans to offer instruction in the spring and summer months.

The fall and winter programs were underway early with swimming being offered to the younger children. Other activities for members of the community include family afternoon, men's night, tap and ballet, belly dance, ladies exercise, movies, a puppet show and a new program entitled Kiddie Kal for the pre-school youngsters.

A number of programs have been planned for the 1978 year. A broomball league will be offered during the winter months for the high school youth and a Pee Wee Basketball Program will be in action early for the younger members in the Community.

In closing this report, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the members of the recreation committee for their cooperation and services and to the people of the community that volunteered their time, effort and participation, a special thanks.

Committee Members: Chairman, Phil Wolley, Secretary, Ada Curtis, John Barry, Harold Garcelon, Dennis Kienow, Emily Darby, Debra Coffin, Kim Collins, Randy Ashey, Marge Knuuti, Ex-Officio.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Norris, Recreation Director

SEACOAST RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
1977-78

Dear Fellow Snowmobilers and Searsport Citizens:

The Seacoast Riders Snowmobile Club made an all out effort this year to increase our club membership and make the snowmobiler in Searsport aware of the need for organized clubs and trails. We have met with some success and some disappointments.

The weather hasn't been all that agreeable this year, but when there was enough snow, the most has been made of it.

We wish to thank all landowners for the accesses we have across their property. Without their cooperation, it would be very difficult in this area of high population to do any great amount of riding without stepping on someone's toes. We would like any landowners who object to certain trails crossing their property to contact club president, Keith Ritchie, and we would get together with you and route the trails somewhere else, or, if you didn't want it across your land at all, we would post NO SNOWMOBILING signs to discourage other snowmobiles from crossing your property.

The club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Carver Library at 7:30; come join us if you like.

Our membership has dropped some from last year, but we feel once people are aware of the necessity of some organization in snowmobiling and the fun that can be had, we are hoping for an increased membership in the next winter season.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Garton, Club Sec.

REPORT OF THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1977 has been an active and productive year for the Carver Memorial Library. An Open House was held in February when the newly renovated basement was completed. This all-purpose room has been named David Sears room. Presently, three organizations are using the room on a regular basis for meetings, as well as being used for stories, films and programs sponsored by the recreation department. The Lion's Club, the Round-A-Bouts and the Girl Scouts have all donated money or furnishings for the room. A spacious parking lot and outside lighting have added a great deal. Two library signs have been installed, one at the corner of Mortland Road and Main Street and the other one on the Library lawn.

Activities:

Story hour for young children has been operating weekly during the school year under the direction of Marsha Blake. In May, the library and recreation department co-sponsored a well attended professional magic show. The summer reading club, in its 15th year, was again run by Mrs. Card. The annual white elephant sale and tea was held in August. For the second time, Unity College held a mini-course entitled "Family Life at Sea" at the library in the fall. This featured local people and was open to the public.

We are continuing with the "free" shelf of current and varied magazines and University of Maine Extension booklets.

A new front door, complete with book drop, is being made to replace the present door which is rotting. Hopefully, it will have been installed at the time of this reading.

The 4-H club again decorated the library for Christmas.

The book committee has been meeting more frequently and is selecting many new books, among them a new Encyclopedia Americana. There is also a rack with paperbacks available for circulation.

I would like to thank the board of trustees and Mrs. Card for the assistance given me, and also express my gratitude for the support given by Peter Garland and the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the board,

Marjorie Knuuti
President

CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Cont.)

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THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SEARSPORT, MAINE
DECEMBER 31, 1977

REPORT OF TREASURER

Expendible Assets:

1.	Check Book Balance	$ 514.55
2.	25 Shares Merrill Bankshares	500.00
3.	4 Shares Knox Woolen Co.	200.00
4.	Clifford N. Carver Fund	1,371.04
5.	Merrill Trust Summary Savings	1,940.92
6.	Blanchard - Richardson Fund	548.82
7.	Capt. Wilbur J. Carver Fund	229.99
8.	Henrietta G. McCaslin Fund	537.31
9.	David Sears Room Fund	183.90
		$ 6,026.53

Invested Assets:

1. Town of Searsport Trust Funds

Ann McGilvery	$ 2,020.28
Amelia C. Ford	100.00
Charles P. Gordon	1,000.00
Annie Partridge	170.36
Hannah L. Pendleton	100.00
Cyrus True	500.00
William B. Trundy	3,000.00
	$ 6,890.64

TOTAL ASSETS	$12,917.17

General Maintenance December 31, 1977

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Jan. 1, 1977	$ 1.00		
Dues and Contributions	130.00		
Trust Fund Income			
James P. Nichols	1,528.64		
Other (Page 1) 1976	477.08		
Other (Page 1) 1977	540.70		
Stock Dividends			
Merrill Trust Co.	155.00		
Knox Woolen Co.	40.00		
White Elephant Sale	250.77		
State Stipend	133.00		
State Library	195.00		
Books Sold	294.50		
Savings to Checking	2,281.23		
Clifford N. Carver Fund	350.00		
Misc. Income	263.50		
	$6,640.42		
Janitor		$ 396.00	
Electricity		544.72	
Telephone		183.00	
Water		39.60	
Fuel		662.63	
Material and Labor		244.47	
Cataloging		126.00	
Misc.		48.52	
David Sears Room		2,233.41	
New Doors (partial payment)		350.00	
Magazines		46.00	
Books		1,251.52	
		$6,125.87	
Balance			$514.55
Checking Account Balance Dec. 31, 1977			$514.55

Respectfully submitted

Geneva Sears Staples

Treasurer

MOSMAN PARK ASSOCIATION

Much progress and beautification was accomplished this year by the Association. The park was closed in so there is now no thru traffic in the park. Parking area was redug and graded over. More low areas in the park were graded and seeded, some to make room for more picnic space along the shore. New signs were made and put in place. Large flower garden area started on the corner of Howard and Water Streets. Gift of 12 trees were set in. Painting and much ground work was done. We wecomed the gift of a see-saw in the children's play area. Two speedy young people worked along with the grounds committee for nine weeks this summer.

These are some of our plans for the future: replace or repair the flag pole, chain link back stop, fix the soft ball back stop, fill in and grading of rest of area in the park needing this, tables to be set in cement, more grills, permanent benches in different areas of the park, two permanent low bleachers, plantings of wild roses on the banking to hold back erosion, more play equipment for the childrens play area, black top parking area. Our long range plan is to get the band stand back in the park.

Any groups in town who would like to join us in helping to do any of these things we welcome your support.

We deeply appreciate and thank all those people in and out of Searsport who have helped the Park in 1977.

Warmly,

Mrs. Pam Kidner George, Pres.

CIVIL DEFENSE

To the Citizens of Searsport:

I submit the following explanation for the increased expenses in the Civil Defense* Account this year.

I had the opportunity to purchase chairs, tables and a typewriter from the Surplus Warehouse at a minimal price for the Town Offices, a few things for the ambulance such as blankets, metal splints, etc. I also put blankets and bandages in the town trucks as specified by OSHA.

I have received partial reinbursement for my expenses this year for travel outside of Waldo County. This is the first time since accepting the directors appointment in 1966 that I have used the travel allowance which was granted me when I took the appointment. In the past I have assumed the travel expenses, but this year I have been unable to do so with the increased travel for training seminars, surplus property, etc.

In December I attended a meeting at Waldo County C.D. Office, from all indications it is quite apparent the year 1978 will be unusually busy. I was told Searsport will be one of the towns issued a warning receiver whereby timely warnings may be received automatically on severe weather conditions, excessive fallout reports, etc. It will be installed at the Town Office, also the town will be receiving two more Radiological Monitoring Kits. One is to be carried on the ambulance and the other at the home of James York. This will now make a total of four monitoring kits for the town.

The most important topic to concern our town will be the handling of radioactive materials and handling of any emergency connected with it should one arise. We were told Searsport is one of only two seaports on the Atlantic Coast approved for incoming radioactive materials being shipped into the country for reprocessing. It is my hope that when we appeal to you for help that you will attend our meetings and classes in radiological monitoring and learn to understand what handling radioactive materials entails and how you may help in an emergency.

*The name of Civil Defense was changed to Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness but I like most within the bureau still refer to it as Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

Mornita Roberts
C.D. Director
Town of Searsport

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Your Planning Board has finally begun to get its teeth into a land use ordinance for presentation to the citizens of Searsport. A grant from the Maine Coastal Zone Management Program has made it possible for the Planning Board to employ the services of a professional planner at the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission to assist the board with the problem of how and where the town should grow based on past growth patterns, land use capability and ownership interests. Later in 1978 we will solicit your ideas for incorporation into this plan via neighborhood meetings similar to those used in the preparation of the shoreland zoning ordinance.

At the request of the selectmen, the Planning Board located a site for a proposed municipal building to house town offices plus the public safety operations. The Planning Board's recommendation for additional downtown parking was shelved. We hope action will be taken on this by the time Merrill Bank begins constructing their new facility in the spring of 1978.

On the regulatory side of things, we dealt with seven subdivision applications in 1977. Four subdivisions were approved and one disapproved after public hearings; and two subdivisions are still in the preliminary phase because the applicant is undecided on how to devide the lot. Two industrial applications and one residential request for construction within the shoreland zoning area were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Several members of your board attended the tax impact course given by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. This provided us with one method of determining the tax impact of residential development in a town as well as the tax impact of open space.

The Planning Board recommended to the selectmen the purchase of additional vacant land adjacent to Mosman Park, at a reasonable price. We have also maintained close contact with Central Maine Power Co. and their plans for the construction of a coal fired generating plant on Sears Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Searsport Planning Board

Bruce Probert, Chairman

Town Wharf at approximately 11:00 A.M. on January 9, 1978 at height of most destructive storm to strike Searsport's Coastline in past 100 years.
Photo by John Makarowski

SEARSPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We, as residents of Searsport, know that we have a great Town in which to live and do business. Did you realize that this word is getting around? Twelve businesses have opened in Searsport over the last year; of these, eight were new. Several new families move into the Town each year.

Searsport is growing. Our opportunity is to recognize this development and meet the challenges it brings. The Searsport Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1977 to help Searsport take advantage of this opportunity. The Chamber, as the Searsport Community Betterment group which preceeded it, has the goal of encouraging community improvement by various projects and programs which educate citizens for involvement in community affairs. In addition, the Chamber works to foster healthy commercial development.

SEARSPORT BUSINESS

There are about 110 different businesses in Searsport. They break down roughly into the following categories:

Tourist Accomodations	5
Antique and Gift Shops	25
Retail	17
Restaurants	7
Banks, Lawyers, Real Estate, Insurance	12
Health Care	6
Contractors	10
Automobile Service	9
Industrial	11
Other	8

1977 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sixty-Two charter members joined the Chamber in 1977. This demonstrates the high level of interest which our group has enjoyed.

Our officers for the first year were: President: Dave Whitehouse, Vice-President: Page Worth, Secretary: Toni Rowe, Treasurer: Betty Goodwin, Directors: Mike Knox, Carl Sawyer and John Arnold.

Informational Meetings

The Searsport Chamber of Commerce held three free public informational meetings in 1977 in addition to the annual meeting. The first was a "Meet the Candidates Night" held at Union Hall on March 11. Although there was not a large turnout for the event, it was a success and the intent of the Directors is to make it an annual event.

A highlight of the April Informational Meeting was a discussion on health insurance for Chamber members. This meeting resulted in the investigation of group plans and ultimately the joining with the United Chambers Trust, making health insurance available to members and their employees at group rates.

The parking problems and downtown revitalization were the subjects of June's meeting. Representatives from the Edward C. Jordan Company made a presentation on revitalization programs in Dexter and Bath and discussed with us what would be involved in initiating such a program for Searsport. It was decided to continue to investigate this and to pursue possible government financing.

The informational program for our annual meeting in October consisted of an update on the many Chamber activities and accomplishments during 1977.

Town Brochure

Gin Hawley and Bob Lang have completed extensive work on a new Town brochure for the Town of Searsport. Wayne Hamilton provided important photography. This brochure will describe Searsport as a pleasant place to live, conduct business, and vacation. Copies will be distributed locally and to those people who write to us for Town information.

Welcome Sign

Page and Bill Worth have built a sign which will be installed at the northeast end of Town. This Chamber of Commerce sign will welcome people coming into Town from the north.

Merchants' Brochure

Annually interested merchants in Town have produced a brochure describing the nature and location of their businesses. In 1977 Sylvia Morse chaired this effort. These brochures were distributed through the Information Center in Kittery, Maine and through our local businesses.

July 4th Celebration

The Chamber began sponsoring an annual July 4th Celebration in 1977. Emily Darby was responsible for organizing a fireworks display which featured an exciting ship battle. She also obtained the participation of several bands, marching units and floats. Warner Hamilton obtained financing for this celebration through local donations. The Lions Club had a chicken barbecue and the Searsport Recreation Department held games throughout the afternoon.

Halloween Party

The Chamber, the First Congregational Church and the Methodist Church sponsored a Halloween party at Union Hall. Emily Darby organized and directed the effort which included a costume contest, a poster contest, refreshments and games. This, too, will be an annual event.

1978 OBJECTIVES

In 1978 we plan to continue our sponsorship of Candidates' Night and the Halloween party. We will again publish the merchants'' brochure. This summer we will reinstitute the window flower box and front yard contest. The 4th of July celebration will be bigger than ever with more bands and marching units and a Miss Searsport contest. In December we plan to hold the first annual Christmas decoration and lighting contest.

Standing Committees for Business

Perhaps one of our biggest efforts in 1978 will be to encourage communication among businessmen. To accomplish this we are establishing standing committees in several business arenas. We have asked the following people to organize meetings of their respective committees. At these meetings the committee members elect officers and discuss issues of interest to them and to Searsport in general.

Committee	Organizer
Tourist Development: Restaurants, Motels, Museum	Bob Lang
Antique & Gift Shop	Sylvia Morse
Retail	Ed Fernands
Contractor Services	Ralph Rowe
Professional Services: Realtors, Lawyers, Doctors	Ned Frye

Downtown Parking

This year will be an important year in solving the parking problem in downtown Searsport. The Merrill Trust Bank will be built on the only remaining parking lot downtown. The Planning Board has done extensive work in trying to develop alternative parking arrangements. Depending upon support from the in-town merchants, the Chamber will try to proceed with helping the Town to implement an intelligent parking arrangement.

THANK YOU

The Chamber has received a great deal of needed support since its beginning. The Selectmen and Town Manager have continually given their support and encouragement and have been very gracious in allowing us to publish our annual report in the Town Report. The Searsport Lions Club has the motto "We Serve" and they have certainly helped us with needed support and cooperation. We also thank Denise Goodman and The Republican Journal for their enthusiastic coverage of our activities, particularly in the early stages of our information.

Thank you, fellow citizens of Searsport, for your continued interest and support of our activities. Please let us know if you have any ideas on how the Searsport Chamber of Commerce can improve, still further, the many good qualities of our Town.

Directors:	Mike Knox, Emily Darby, Fran Bowen
Treasurer:	Betty Goodwin
Secretary:	David Whitehouse
Vice President:	Dr. Chuck Owen
President:	John Arnold

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

University of Maine at Orono 04473

RFD # 1 - Box 45
Searsport Avenue
Belfast, Me. 04915
TEL: (207) 338-1650

January 20, 1978

Dear Town Clerk:

Enclosed is a report of the major activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service in Waldo County during 1977. We send it to you for inclusion in your annual town report.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Pierson
Extension Agent

PMP:cc
Encl.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Major Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service in Waldo County During 1977

There were public requests for a variety of educational programs in the areas in which the Extension Service works -- family living, youth development, agriculture and community resource development.

GENERAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Family Living:

Public programs were conducted to help teach families to better utilize their resources of money, time, energy, skills and health. The following topics were included:

-- Rights and Responsibilities of the consumer
-- Stretching Food Dollars
-- Using a Slow Cooker
-- Cooking with a Microwave Oven
-- Homemade Food Mixes
-- Proper Home Canning and Freezing Methods
-- Modern Home Drying Techniques for Fruits and Vegetables
-- Alternate Energy (Solar Heat, Wood, Wind)
-- Selection and Care of Houseplants
-- Inexpensive Christmas Gift and Decorating Ideas
-- Series on Quilt-Making
-- Sewing Machine Embroidery
-- Series on Making Women's Slacks That Fit
-- Basic Pattern Alterations for Well-Fitting Garments
-- Updating a Wardrobe
-- Proper Installation of Buttonholes and Zippers
-- How to Sew with Sheer Fabrics
-- Series on Sewing with Plaid Fabrics
-- Series on Basic Sewing Techniques
-- Professional Touches in Home Sewing
-- Safe, Effective and Inexpensive Homemade Cleaning Agents
-- Understanding the Basics of the Metric System
-- Simple Home Repairs
-- Family Banking

Funds were made available to hire an aide to teach families how they might meet their housing needs and how to budget their income.

Federal funds were obtained to hire four paraprofessionals to provide food and nutrition education to low-income, low-education homemakers on a one-to-one or small group basis. Emphasis was placed on basic nutrition, cooking skills, stretching food dollars or Food Stamps, meal-planning, weight control, sanitation in food handling, food storage and food preservation.

Three new women's Extension groups were formed with approximately 40 members. These groups meet to learn to improve their skills in using family resources.

A monthly newsletter was written on rural living information (family-living and part-time agriculture). Over 800 families receive this letter each month.

Youth:

Funds were acquired to hire several aides to work on youth programs. They made the following achievements:

-- Coordination of the Big Brother/Big Sister program in Belfast and Searsport
-- Nutrition education to pregnant teenagers throughout the county
-- Nutrition education and weight control techniques to overweight teenagers throughout the county
-- Basic cooking and nutrition programs for boys and girls 8 - 13 in six towns in this county
-- Home Vegetable gardening programs for 8 - 12 year olds in four towns in this county
-- Rent-A-Kid Program was coordinated in Belfast
-- A series of environmental awareness programs was offered in five towns.
-- Six local 4-H clubs were established
-- One county-wide 4-H program was initiated
-- Six county youth were named State award winners and attended the National 4-H Congress in Chicago
-- One Waldo County youth was named a National winner in the 4-H Safety program.
-- One Waldo County 4-H member will be one of 4 Maine youth to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.

Agriculture:

The following small and part-time agricultural programs were held in 1977:

-- Operating a small greenhouse
-- Home Vegetable Gardening
-- Care of Fruit Trees
-- Soil Testing
-- Use and Maintenance of a Chain Saw
-- Raising a cow for Home Milk Production
-- Selection and Care of Birds for a Home Laying Flock
-- Caponizing and Debeaking Fowl
-- Killing and Preparing Home-Grown Fowl
-- Federal Income Tax Guidelines for the Farmer
-- Butchering a Deer
-- Selection and Care of a Dairy Goat
-- Small Fruits

Community Resource Development:

A service was provided to the legislators and town officials where information on the upcoming bills affecting small towns was sent to the Extension office and put into a newsletter mailed to town officials.

Other:

Extension specialists write a variety of newsletters to people in Waldo County with specific commercial interests. These include commercial dairy, poultry, forestry, vegetable crops, potatoes, blueberries, horticulture, campground management and community resource development.

Several hundred people received individual consultation on their particular problems in addition to the programs and services listed above.

Extension Program for Commercial Poultry Growers

Plans were developed to construct poultry houses for layers which would reduce the cost per bird. A six row, four deck cage laying house has been tried. It has proved not to have an adverse effect on production and to have considerably reduced the cost per bird.

Methods were developed to reduce the egg shell damage resulting from transporting eggs from the farm to the plant in egg cases by using uncased palletized egg transportation.

Techniques were developed to reduce egg shell damage during the preparation for market at the farm. Methods were found that would lower the amount of breakage by 5%.

A relatively inexpensive evaporative cooling system was developed to lower the problem of heat stress and mortality in poultry during the summer.

A group of table egg growers worked with Extension staff to form a cooperative to purchase a portion of a commercial company which decided to sell its table egg division. Although the group was unable to secure the necessary financing, a number of the participants are using the cooperative management principles in an alternative project which has stabilized the incomes of these families involved.

A program was established using poultry science teaching aids to develop leadership in youth The leadership principles are applicable to any aspect of endeavor.

Work was done with teachers in vocational high schools to help them learn how to prepare students for employment in the agricultural segment of the economy.

Extension Programs for Commercial Dairymen

Many dairymen are using the Electronic Farm Accounting system and the central processing of Dairy Health Improvement Association to do a business analysis on the costs of milk production and feed ration planning.

Four Waldo County dairymen participated in a pilot project to test the effectiveness of seeding cornfields in August by helicopter with winter rye to reduce winter soil erosion.

A number of dairymen have gotten individual consultation on dairy barn construction, building remodeling, adequacy of milking equipment, forage and feeding, farm management problems and waste management alternatives.

A considerable amount of effort went into helping to organize Maine Farm Days.

Dairy judging information was provided to 4-H club members and the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest was held during Skowhegan Fair.

Fact sheets were developed on a variety of dairy topics to supplement those already available A monthly diary letter has been written and is available upon request.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

February 1, 1978

Board of Selectmen
Searsport
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and our understanding of the procedural requirements, there is in process a limited general post audit of the accounts and records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 1977 and ending December 31, 1977.

Our report at this time is based upon records that, although complete in respect to original entry, were not fully ready for audit. Consideration should be given to the office time requirements due to the expansion of transactions that involve Federal and State funds with the attendent special documentation plus accounting that needs to be treated accordingly. The data presented herewith is subject to changes that may result from verification with external sources and continued completion of all audit requirements.

Certificate

Based upon our examination and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompying balance sheet tentatively presents the financial condition of the Town of Searsport, Maine as at December 31, 1977 and the results of the transactions for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Wheeler
Public Accountant
826 Union Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Exhibit A

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Comparative Balance Sheet

General Fund

ASSETS

Schedule		December 31, 1977	December 31, 1976
A-1	Cash - Checking Account	$ 23,902.83	18,043.75
A-1	Office Funds	100.00	100.00
A-1	General Funds Invested	197,771.67	259,878.50
A-2	Accounts Receivable	54,799.75	
A-3	Taxes Receivable - Current	30,868.27	21,821.09
A-4	Taxes Receivable - Prior Year	8,584.35	8,548.62
A-5	Tax Lien Mortgages	3,865.26	2,556.40
A-6	Foreclosed Tax Lien Mortgages	788.55	771.70
A-7	Capital Reserves Invested	16,410.65	21,150 48
	Withheld Employee Funds-Group Life	105.18	
A-8	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Inv.	11,101.26	21,408.27
	Total Assets	$348,297.77	354,278.81

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Schedule		December 31, 1977	December 31, 1976
A-9	Accounts Payable	$ 647.50	629.54
A-10	Capital Reserves	30,546.27	24,364.45
	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	8,198.45	8,198.45
	Title II, Public Works Employment Act of 1976 Reserve	33,213.00	7,371.00
A-11	Local Government Fund Reserve	210.07	(598.02)
A-12	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Reserve	11,101.26	21,408.27
Ex. D	Departmental Balance Forward	29,219.83	40,935.54
Ex. C	Unappropriated Surplus	235,161.39	251,969.58
	Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus	$348,297.77	354,278.81

A complete post audit report will be on file at the municipal office.

DEBT FUND

ASSETS

A-13	Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	$ 17,685.60	23,580.78

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Notes	$ 17,685.60	23,580.78

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

EXHIBIT D

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Balance 12-31-76	INCOME: Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts: State	Cash Receipts: Other	Other Credits	Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	EXPENSE: Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	BALANCES: Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:											
Administration		$ 3,020.00		2,113.63	2,436.62	30,294.86	37,865.11	35,386.45		2,478.66	
Town Officers' Salaries		18,008.00			300.00	27,000.00	45,308.00	27,684.63		17,623.37	
Town Clerk's Fees					1,704.52		1,704.52			1,704.52	
Assessing Department		839.00				11,761.00	12,600.00	12,381.19		218.81	
Harbormaster Expense		250.00					250.00	250.00			
Renovating Union Hall	359.23	500.00					859.23	375.21			484.02
Planning Board	766.16	300.00					1,066.16	235.39			830.77
Regional Planning		555.93					555.93	555.93			
Conservation Commission		90.00					90.00	50.00		40.00	
Tri-Town Onshore Study Sites				8,400.00			8,400.00	8,400.00			
	1,125.39	23,562.93		10,513.63	4,441.14	69,055.86	108,698.95	85,318.80		22,065.36	1,314.79
PROTECTION:											
Land for Public Safety Bldg.	6,000.00						6,000.00				6,000.00
Street Lights		9,600.00					9,600.00	9,449.46		150.54	
Fire Department		3,820.00			17.13	5,680.00	9,517.13	8,649.83		867.30	
North Searsport Fire Dept.		1,890.00			105.55		1,995.55	1,702.52		293.03	
Police Department		2,554.00			1,562.48	33,244.12	37,360.60	32,786.71		4,573.89	
Hydrant Rental		14,700.00					14,700.00	15,206.66		(506.66)	
Insurance		10,420.00				1,000.00	11,420.00	11,419.21		.79	
Civil Defense	805.05	200.00			139.44		1,144.49	400.68			743.81
Joint Shellfish Conserv. Program	300.00						300.00				300.00
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve		1,500.00					1,500.00		1,500.00		
North Searsport Fire Station		8,500.00			150.00	33,425.00	42,075.00	39,061.26			3,013.74
New Tank Truck		11,000.00				16,000.00	27,000.00				27,000.00
Purchase of Fire Hose - North Searsport						1,000.00	1,000.00	965.25		34.75	
Purchase of Fire Hose						2,700.00	2,700.00	2,326.50		373.50	
	7,105.05	64,184.00			1,974.60	93,049.12	166,312.77	121,968.08	1,500.00	5,787.14	37,057.55

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

EXHIBIT D
Cont.

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCES	
	Balance 12-31-76	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
HEALTH & SANITATION:											
Health Officer		150.00					150.00	150.00			
Other Health Services		100.00					100.00			100.00	
Mid-Coast Mental Health		487.75					487.75	487.75			
Municipal Dump		17,350.00			10,190.00		27,540.00	27,876.08		(336.08)	
Ambulance Operation	985.23	3,000.00			1,375.05		5,360.28	4,077.67		1,282.61	
Sewer Maintenance		1,000.00					1,000.00	689.31		310.69	
Plumbing Permits					801.50		801.50	912.50		(111.00)	
Mid-Coast Home Health Agency		340.00					340.00	340.00			
Sewer Facilities Planning (Step 1)	2,081.53					10,875.00	12,956.53	11,481.53			1,475.00
Ambulance Capital Reserve						1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00		
Community Alcohol Service		292.95					292.95	292.65		.30	
Youth Alternatives Program		292.95					292.95	292.65		.30	
W.C.C.L.A. - Home Repairs		192.59					192.59	192.59			
	3,066.76	23,206.24			12,366.55	12,375.00	51,014.55	46,792.73	1,500.00	1,246.82	1,475.00
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:											
Town Roads		4,000.00			2,715.60	57,150.00	63,865.60	56,322.75		7,542.85	
Snow Removal	7,301.51	8,000.00		3,629.00			18,930.51	22,853.03			(3,922.52)
Equipment	15,556.05	1,558.25			16,317.48	1,484.65	34,916.43	20,747.05	10,000.00		4,169.38
State Aid Construction		10,392.00		18,705.60			29,097.60	29,097.60			
Town Wharf & Ramp	253.90	2,500.00					2,753.90	2,169.10			584.80
Municipal Garage Construction	21.15						21.15				21.15
Town Wharf, Ext. & Dredging	126.03						126.03				126.03
Town Trees Program		6,720.00		5,290.00	5,011.00		17,021.00	16,596.57		424.43	
Front-end Loader Purchase		11,000.00				31,500.00	42,500.00	42,500.00			
Elm Street Extension		500.00					500.00	338.87		161.13	
	23,258.64	44,670.25		27,624.60	24,044.08	90,134.65	209,732.22	190,624.97	10,000.00	8,128.41	978.84
CEMETERIES:											
General Care & Care of Trees		2,700.00			1,240.00		3,940.00	2,534.74		1,405.26	
Memorial Day								89.18		(89.18)	
		2,700.00			1,240.00		3,940.00	2,623.92		1,316.08	

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

EXHIBIT D
Cont.

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1977

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCES	
	Balance 12-31-76	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
CHARITIES:											
General Charity		6,500.00		40.00	369.95		6,909.95	3,887.46		3,022.49	
Senior Citizens		1,160.00					1,160.00	1,160.00			
Belfast-Waldo County Humane Society		500.00					500.00	591.56		(91.56)	
Action Committee of 50, inc.						500.00	500.00	500.00			
		8,160.00		40.00	369.95	500.00	9,069.95	6,139.02		2,930.93	
EDUCATION:											
School Admin. District #56		348,430.95					348,430.95	348,430.95			
RECEATION:											
General Recreation		8,910.00		540.00	254.89		9,704.89	9,549.98		154.91	
Mosman Park	710.94	89.06					800.00	731.18		68.82	
Snowmobile Revenue	868.76			702.00			1,570.76	241.46		1,329.30	
Tennis Court Capital Reserve						2,320.00	2,320.00		2,320.00		
Tennis Court Construct.					180.00	18,480.00	18,660.00	28,241.35			(9,581.35)
	1,579.70	8,999.06		1,242.00	434.89	20,800.00	33,055.65	38,763.97	2,320.00	1,553.03	(9,581.35)
DEBT & INTEREST:											
General Interest					7,785.15	2,906.46	10,691.61		6,259.89	4,431.72	
Sewer Planning Note Interest		7,357.14					7,357.14	7,357.14			
		7,357.14			7,785.15	2,906.46	18,048.75	7,357.14	6,259.89	4,431.72	
UNCLASSIFIED:											
Carver Memorial Library		2,090.00		328.00			2,418.00	2,418.00			
Carver Memorial Library Alterations	4,800.00				1,934.81		6,734.81	8,759.81			(2,025.00)
Carver Memorial Library Driveway & Parking Lot			2,500.00				2,500.00	698.30		1,801.70	
Promoting Searsport		1,500.00					1,500.00	54.00		1,446.00	
L.P.W. Round II						24,637.63	24,637.63	24,637.63			
County Tax		8,217.50				25,000.00	33,217.50	33,217.50			
	4,800.00	11,807.50	2,500.00	328.00	1,934.81	49,637.63	71,007.94	69,785.24		3,247.70	(2,025.00)
Total All Departments	$40,935.54	543,078.07	2,500.00	39,748.23	54,591.17	338,458.72	1,019,311.73	917,804.82	21,579.89	50,707.19	29,219.83

(a) Denotes the amount and purpose appropriated by the legislative body of the Town out of the Local Fiscal Assistance Fund.

COMMENTS

The appropriation of $90,000.00 from the Local Fiscal Assistance (Federal Revenue Sharing) Fund was completely allocated to purposes that comply with the intended meaning of fiscal assistance. Had it been necessary to provide the same requirements from local taxation, the effect upon the tax commitment would have been very substantial. The investment of receipts was in accordance with requirements and added $1,047.65 to this fund from interest earnings.

The appropriation of $31,198.00 from the anti-recession provisions of Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 was allocated to purposes involving salaries. In addition to the foregoing two items, there were appropriations from Surplus that totaled $114,759.65, thus explaining the decrease in net requirements from taxation. As a result of the overall operations the net loss in Surplus, as currently recorded, is only $16,808.19.

The net item of Accounts Receivable pertains to the various Federal and State funded projects, being the actual costs financed by the Town due to be refunded. It is clearly evident that the scope of municipal activities has expanded to resemble that which is characteristic of a large town or small city, as evidenced by the total expenditures in the departmental accounts.

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine County of Waldo

To Albert Leavitt, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in said county.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Searsport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said Town, on Monday the 13th day of March A. D. 1978, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles Number 1 and 2.

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Memorial Gymnasium in said Town, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the 14th day of March A. D. 1978, then and there to act on Articles number 3 through all of said articles being set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2, To elect, by secret ballot, two (2) Selectmen for three years, a Town Clerk, two (2) School Administrative District No. 56 Directors for three years, and nine Budget Advisory Committee members for two years.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of, or lease, any real estate it may now have, or come into possession of, during the year by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax lien mortgages for not less than the amount unpaid, plus interest and costs, except otherwise when voted on by the Town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall become due and payable and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date, or act anything relative thereto.

Recommended by Municipal Officers that taxes shall be due Sept. 1, 1978 and that two thirds percent per month or part thereof be charged after Sept. 30, 1978.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government, to include Social Security, Maine State Retirement, and Blue Cross Insurance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $1,095.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus and $20,000.00 from F.R.S.

Selectmen (SEL) voted 2-1 and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) voted 9-0 to raise $1,095.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus and $20,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Officers for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $430.00 and appropriate $5,000.00 from Surplus and $29,000.00 from Anti-recession Funds, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $430.00 and appropriate $5,000.00 from Surplus and $29,000.00 from Antirecession Funds, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Assessing Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $1,650.00 and appropriate $12,500.00 from Antirecession funds.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,650.00 and appropriate $12,500.00 from Antirecession funds.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Insurance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $14,800.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $14,800.00.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $200.00.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Carver Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,300.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $2,300.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $500.00 from F.R.S. for landscaping of a driveway and parking lot in the rear of the Carver Memorial Library, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00 (From F.R.S.)

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $500.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $555.93

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $555.93.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus toward the payment of the Waldo County Tax Assessment for 1978, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $25,000.00 (from Surplus).

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Police Department for the ensuing year. These funds may be used to match Federal Funds under the provisions of the Safe Streets Act, as amended, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $3,090.00, appropriate $5,000.00 from F.R.S., $10,000.00 from Surplus, and $18,500.00 from Antirecession Funds, with $750.00 to come from Court fees.

SEL voted 3-2 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $3,090.00, appropriate $5,000.00 from F.R.S., $10,000.00 from Surplus, and $18,500.00 from Antirecession Funds, with $750.00 to come from Court fees.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for the future purchase of a new cruiser or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $1,500.00

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of 2 portable radios for the Police Dept., or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,400.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $2,400.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a complete Radio Communications Fire Alert and Alarm System for the Searsport Fire Dept., or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $5,000.00 and appropriate $2,000.00 from F.R.S.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $5,000.00 and appropriate $2,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $6,550.00 and appropriate $5,000.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $6,550.00 and appropriate $5,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of 3 radios (1 mobile and 2 portable) for the Searsport Fire Dept., or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $3,000.00

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Fire Equipment Account for future purchase of a new Fire Dept. vehicle, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,000.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the North Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,050.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $6,050.00.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for driveway, parking lot, and landscaping improvements at the new North Searsport Fire Station, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00 (from Surplus).

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to appropriate $1,500.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operation of the ambulance (continuing account) for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,800.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC 9-0 to raise $3,800.00

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in a Capital Reserve Ambulance Account for the future purchase of a new ambulance, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,000.00 (from Surplus)

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to appropriate $2,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Hydrant Rental for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $18,490.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC 7-0 to raise $18,490.00

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Street Lights for the ensuing year, to include relocations, changes, and additions to the present street lighting facilities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $9,600.00 and appropriate $2,000.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $9,600.00 and appropriate $2,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to install Mercury street lights as follows:

1. On pole no. 66 (CMP) on Leach Street
2. On pole no. 17 (CMP) on Mortland Road

(The above are by request)

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Civil Defense for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $200.00

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to change the Sanitary Landfill hours of operation to the same periods of time each day and to remain open 7 days per week, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Sanitary Landfill for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $9,310.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $9,310.00

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, to be invested in a Sanitary Landfill Equipment Reserve Account for the future purchase of a Crawler-Loader, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $5,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $5,000.00.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Sewer Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,000.00

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for payment and interest for the Sewer Planning Notes, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,991.68.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $6,991.68.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health Services for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested:

Health Officer	$ 150.00
Other Health Services	100.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	487.75
Kno-Wal-Lin Comm. Health	130.00
Comm. Alcohol Services	289.50
	$1,157.25

Sel. voted 3-0 and BAC voted 6-1 to raise $1,157.25.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Welfare for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,200.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $4,200.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested as follows:

Uniforms	$ 850.00
Utilities	3,700.00
Garage Maintenance	200.00
Cutting Bushes	1,500.00
General Road Maintenance	20,000.00
Calcium	650.00
Resh Road	2,500.00
Tarring and Patching	20,000.00
Sidewalks	3,000.00
Street Cleaning	800.00
Culverts	1,000.00
	$54,200.00

Requested from Excise Tax	47,000.00
Requested from F.R.S. account	6,000.00
Raise	1,200.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $47,000.00 from Excise Tax, $6,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Account, and raise $1,200.00.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a new 6 Cu. Yd. Dumptruck, for Highway Dept. use, or

act anything relative thereto.

Requested to appropriate $15,000.00 from F.R.S. and $2,500.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $15,000.00 from F.R.S. and $2,500.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a New Hopper Sander for winter road maintenance, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,000.00

SEL took no action and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for reconstruction of The Dwelley Road, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $10,000.00 (to be raised)

SEL and BAC voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to provide sidewalk plowing of all Town sidewalks during the winter months, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $18,293.52.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $18,293.52.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to provide year-round road maintenance to a certain right-of-way off Norris Street, which travels in a westerly direction from Norris Street through the properties of Merle King and Gertrude Grant to the property of Nina Smith, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for State Aid Road Construction.

Requested $10,392.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $10,392.00

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Trees Program for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $11,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $11,000.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to upgrade electrical wiring, etc., in Union Hall to meet National Electric Code Requirements, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $6,500.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, in addition to the $6,000.00 Reserve already set aside for this purpose, to acquire 2 year purchase options on three (3) properties (Map 16, Lots 43, 47, & 48) as the site for a new Municipal Building Complex.

Requested to utilize $6,000.00 Reserve and raise $1,700.00.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 8-1 (abstention) to utilize $6,000.00 Reserve and raise $1,700.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $7,883.00 and appropriate $8,000.00 from Antirecession Funds.

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $7,883.00 and appropriate $8,000.00 from Antirecession Funds.

ARTICLE 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Town Wharf, parking areas, floats and boat ramps for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $2,500.00

ARTICLE 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance of Mosman Park for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,500.00

ARTICLE 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to install a new chain-link baseball backstop at Mosman Park, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,100.00

SEL voted 2-1 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,100.00.

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Harbormaster Account for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 4-0 and BAC voted 9-0 to raise $500.00.

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Promoting Searsport, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for maintenance, and care of trees, in the cemeteries for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,700.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,700.00

ARTICLE 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be paid to the Central Senior Citizens Association for the support of Operation Sea-Me, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,160.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,160.00

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for support of the Action Committee of 50, Inc., or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00 (from Surplus)

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $500.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for July 4th celebration activities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,000.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Dog Officer Account, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $500.00.

ARTICLE 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to complete the laying out of a right-of-way from the southerly end of Elm Street to Leach Street and for legal expenses to prepare descriptions and deed (the land involved is to be a gift from the Carvers to the Town), or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 3-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $200.00.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the purpose of the Municipal Garage Construction Account (and the $21.15 remaining therein), or act anything relative thereto.

(Recommended by Town Auditor)

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the purpose of the Town Wharf Extension and Dredging Account and transfer the $126.03 remaining therein to the Town Wharf Continuing Account, or act anything relative thereto.

(Recommended by Town Auditor)

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts to be held in trust, and the income to be used toward perpetual care of cemetery lots, all as shown in the following schedule, or act anything relative thereto.

Donor	Amount	Lot	Cemetery
Marion Perkins	$100.00	310	Village
Maynard & Mary Carr	100.00		Gordon
James & Alice Black	100.00	84	Mt. Hope
Lance & Martha Weddell	100.00	82	Bowditch
Richard & Greta Anderson	100.00	207A	Elmwood
Mark Holmes	100.00	232A	Elmwood

The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 8:00 in the afternoon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Monday, March 13, 1978 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, this 7th day of February A. D. 1978.

/s/ James T. Verrill
/s/ Lionell L. Merrill, Jr.
/s/ Robert N. Kenney
/s/ Bruce Mills
/s/ Charles Blanchard

Selectmen of Town of Searsport.

Town, Park Association Resolve Several Issues

The simmering controversy over who controls Searsport's Mosman Park was defused Tuesday night during an amicable meeting between members of the park association, the town Recreation Committee and the selectmen.

Contractors Recommended For Searsport LPW Work

Searsport selectmen have recommended to the federal Economic Development Administration that the low bidders be awarded construction contracts on three local Public Works projects approved for the

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Searsport Projects Approved, Minority Guideline Examined

Searsport has received the official green light for three public works projects to be supported by $462,000 in federal public works money and Town Manager Peter Garland spent Wednesday in Philadelphia, Pa., learning how the town can fulfill a sticky minority contract provision of the grants.

The projects approved include a $123,000 town wharf parking expansion program, a new $289,000 water reservoir for the Searsport Water District and a $50,000 Searsport water-main extension. Garland said the most significant problem is how Searsport and

Searsport Soccer Team 1-1-1, Cross-Country Defeats Sumner

By Keith Knuuti

played their third game in an

Report Concludes Sears Island 'Most Preferable' For Tenneco

Sears Island is termed "the most preferable" of more than a dozen northeastern Atlantic coast sites considered as alternatives to St. John, N.B. for a major liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal by a preliminary 210-

Good Progress Reported In Local LPW Projects

Searsport Seeks Options On Additional Shoreland

NLRB Hearing On Dock Dispute Postponed For Another Month

New Programs Scheduled In Searsport

The Searsport Recreation Department has announced new programs which include adult tap dancing and a women's exercise class. The tap dancing class will be held on Monday afternoons and registration is open until Oc-

Searsport Suffers Under Wave Of Criminal Acts

"All hell's broken loose over here," Searsport Police Chief Al Leavitt said Tuesday as he recounted a week's worth of town crime which included the beating of an elderly woman, a prowler who was chased from his victim's bedroom, a broken downtown store window, various thefts and an alleged act of arson.

Woman Beaten

The most serious of the week's events began about 11:30 p.m. Friday when 74-year-old Fannie Dodge, heard a noise from her summer bed on the sunporch of her East Main Street home.

Firemen Battle Town's Worst Blaze In 4 Years

One of Searsport's oldest sea captain's homes was severely damaged Saturday as high winds fanned a fire, which apparently started in or near the barn, through the ell and into the main structure.

Tree Contractor Quits, Leaves Elms On Ground

Searsport has been left holding a bag of 64 elm trees on residents' lawns, felled by the Church Tree Expert Co. which "called it quits" in the middle of its $10,911 contract with the town.

In Searsport Research Could Kill Status Of Dwelley

A long-standing debate on the status of Searsport's Dwelley Road may be resolved when Town Manager Peter Garland reports at the next selectmen's meeting on his research to de-

Searsport To Consider New Fire Alert System

Searsport officials agreed informally Tuesday night to consider a new Plectron fire department alerting system after Fire Chief Ian Rich told them the present system, using New England Telephone Co. equipment, has never worked properly and has cost the town more than $1,000 in

Federal Funds Are Eyed For Projects In SAD 56

Searsport Voters Close Street In Mosman Park

Some 50 Searsport residents moved quickly through an 11-article special town meeting warrant Monday night with the only dissenting votes being cast unsuccessfully against the closing of Mosman Street through Mosman Park.

Army Engineers Seem Convinced Of Need For Searsport Study

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives met last week with a group of Searsport town officials and business leaders and, according to Town Manager Peter Garland, came away convinced of the need for a study on the feasibility of a major breakwater project in Searsport harbor.

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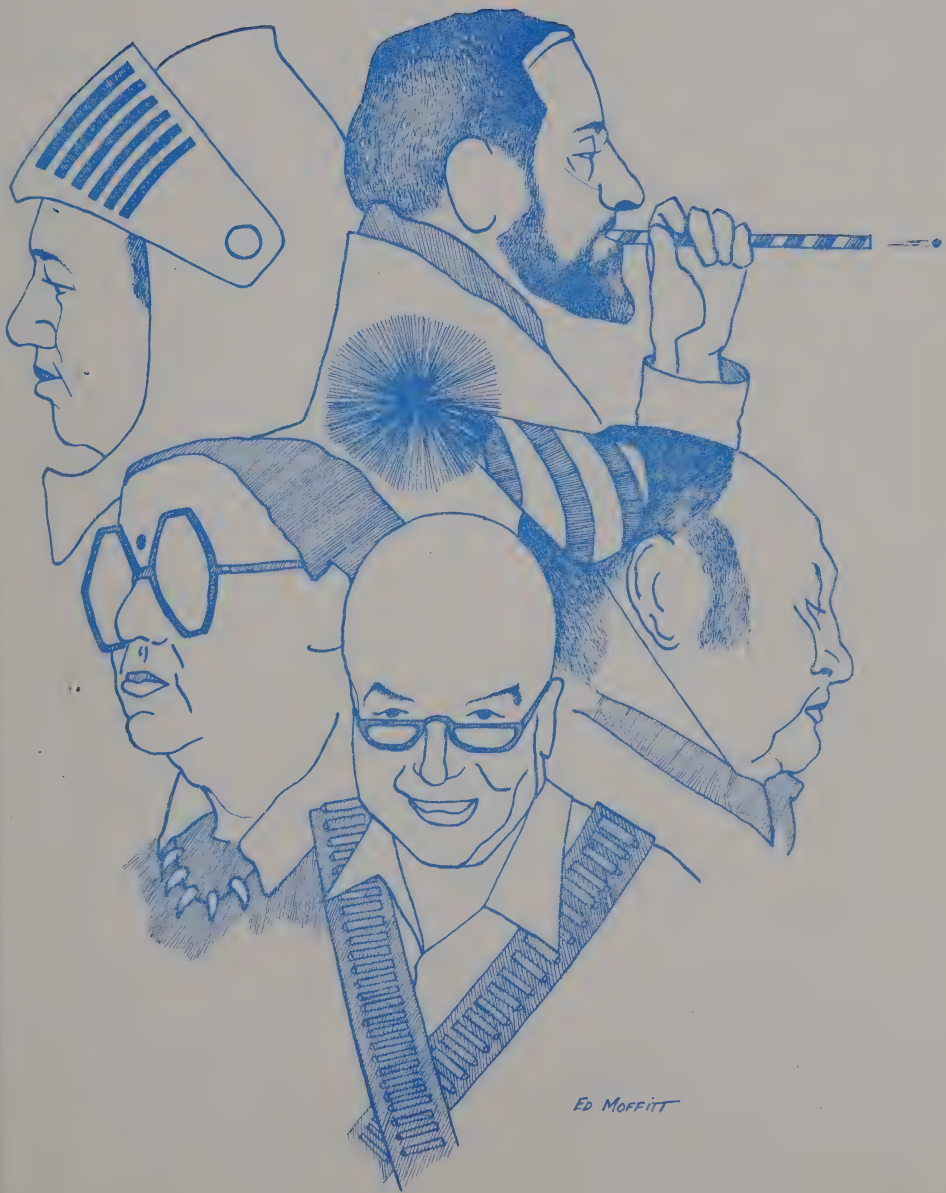

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OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSPORT MAINE

1978

Caricatures of Searsport Board of Selectmen
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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lionel Merrill, Jr.	Bruce Mills
Charles Blanchard	Frances Bowen
Donald Ruttenberg	

TOWN OFFICERS

Peter A. Garland	Town Manager
Ruby D. Wood	Town Clerk
Howard Ruben	Assessor
Daniel C. Rich	Searsport Fire Chief
Pearley B. Seekins	N. Searsport Fire Chief
Daniel C. Rich	Forest Fire Warden
Gustave Szabronski	Plumbing Inspector
W. C. Wheeler	Auditor
Mornita Roberts	Civil Defense Director
Albert D. Leavitt	Police Chief
Donald Shaw	Patrolman
Wayne Leavitt	Patrolman
Albert D. Leavitt	Constable
Roland Bragdon	Dog Constable
Ruby D. Wood	Registrar of Voters
Harbormaster	Daniel C. Rich
Health Officer	Marjorie Maddocks

SEARSPORT PLANNING BOARD

John Merrithew	Term Expires 1983
Robert England	Term Expires 1982
Eleanor Sullivan	Term Expires 1981
Bruce Probert	Term Expires 1980
Robert A. Clark	Term Expires 1979
William Worth	Alternate
Elizabeth Goodwin	Alternate

SEARSPORT BOARD OF APPEALS

Ralph Rowe, Sr.	5 yrs.	Leroy A. Moody	1 yr.
Elmore Andrews	5 yrs.	David Whitehouse	1 yr.
Catharine Andrews	2 yrs.		

TOWN OFFICERS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Philip Wolley, Chairman
Harold Garcelon
John Barry
Ada Curtis, Secretary
Marge Knuuti, Ex. -Officio
Emily Darby
Judy Kienow
Debra Coffin
Randy Ashey
Kim Collins

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1979

Inez Campbell
Leroy F. Moody
Carl B. Robbins
William Shorey
Roy Dakin, Jr.
Richard Blake
James Johnson
David Whitehouse

Term Expires 1980

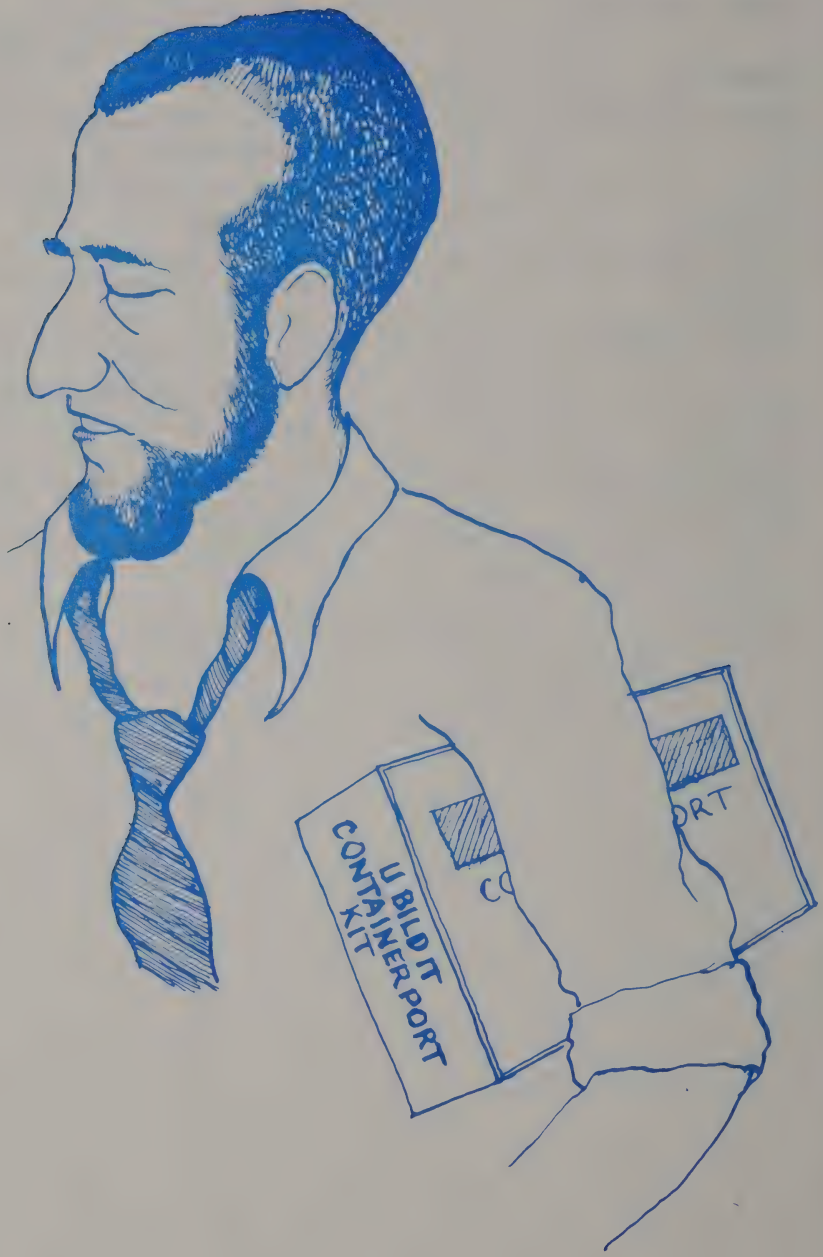
Michael Knox
Leroy A. Moody
Willis Blake
Marjorie Knuuti
Faith Garrold
Ralph Rowe, Sr.
Robert Kenney
Barbara Pearson
Robert A. Clark, Sr.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Peter A. Garland
Mike Ellis
Mary Page Worth
Dana Dudley

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative:	Gary L. Lowe
Home Address:	Box 116 Winterport, Maine 04496
Telephone:	223-4475
Capitol Address:	House of Representatives State House Augusta, Maine 04333
Telephone:	289-2866
Senator:	Melvin A. Shute
Home Address:	Box 114A School Street Stockton Springs, Maine 04981
Telephone:	567-3364
Senate Address: (during session)	The Senate of Maine State House Augusta, Maine 04333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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Searsport:

It is my distinct pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Town for 1978. Once again, it is also my privilege to report, for the fifth consecutive year, that, despite an unavoidable reduction in our Unappropriated Surplus Account, the general financial condition of the Town is still excellent, with 'money in the bank', all bills paid, and an outstanding debt of only $11,790.42 at year's end.

With "Proposition 13" and "Tax Limitation" fast becoming household words and foremost in everyone's minds these days, a closer scrutiny of Searsport's actual tax performance during the five year period, 1973 through 1978, clearly shows that our Town has been away ahead of the times by actually practicing the principles of "tax limitation" long before the citizens of California or the rest of the Country even thought about them. The fact is that the average Searsport taxpayer paid less local real estate taxes in 1978 than he or she did in 1973! To illustrate, attached please find four typical, but different only from each other, properties selected at random from tax records in the Town Office.

There is an old saying that all good things have to come to an end sometime, and our remarkable taxation record over these past five years is no exception to the rule. Its end, however, comes about through no fault of our own. Due to increased costs mandated by double digit inflation and higher prices, an unsolicited Federal Program which was thrust upon us two years ago and ended just as abruptly last October, the State reneging on a promise made back in 1973, another huge (29%) increase in our State Valuation, and other "external" pressures over which we ourselves had little or no control, the "battle" to maintain the same or reduce our 1979 tax rate appears to be "lost" before we even start. A few of these costs, as reflected in the 1979 Budget, are:

Increased Social Security	$ 1,160.00
Ever-rising insurance costs	7,100.00
Unemployment Comp. (beginning 1/1/78)	2,025.00
Rising utility rates and fuel costs	4,310.00
Elimination of Antirecession Funds	68,000.00
Elimination of Inventory and Livestock Tax	5,596.57
Increased County Tax	6,679.50
	$94,871.07

We must not lose sight of the fact, also, that education still consumes the giant's share of our tax dollars (60% in 1978). Therefore, while we are confident that the Superintendent and Directors of MSAD 56 will continue doing everything possible to provide the best quality education for our children at the lowest possible cost, the adverse effects of inflation and other similar externally imposed cost increases will surely be reflected as well in their finalized Budget for FY 1979-80, starting 7/1/79.

1978 was, nevertheless, another very good year for the Town, with continued progress being made in all departments, which you will find explained in greater detail throughout this Report.

I would like to express my sincere thanks once again to the Board of Selectmen, all of my fellow Town Employees, Members of our various Boards and Commissions, and each individual citizens for their enthusiastic cooperation and assistance throughout the year. I am justifiably proud to have been a small part of this "team effort" to make our Town an even better place in which to live, work, and play.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Garland
Town Manager

AVERAGE LOCAL REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR 1973 & 1978

	1973		1978	
	Assessed Value	Taxes	Assessed Value	Taxes
Residence A. (old farmhouse on secondary road with 100 acres of land)	$10,100	$323.20	$20,860	$312.90
Residence B. (well-maintained 2 bedroom home in a downtown residential neighborhood)	6,360	203.52	13,210	198.15
Residence C. (150 years old large, well-maintained Captain's home on Route 1)	16,500	548.48	33,250	498.75
Residence D. (new home in excellent neighborhood overlooking the Bay)	31,140	996.48	61,590	923.85

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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING AND SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

General Government	$23,000.00
Police Department	19,800.00
Recreation	10,000.00
Police Cruiser Purchase	3,200.00
4 WD Pickup for S.F.D.	4,000.00
TOTAL	$60,000.00

SURPLUS

General Government	$22,500.00
Town Officers	35,000.00
Assessing Department	10,000.00
County Tax	20,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	2,500.00
TOTAL	$90,000.00

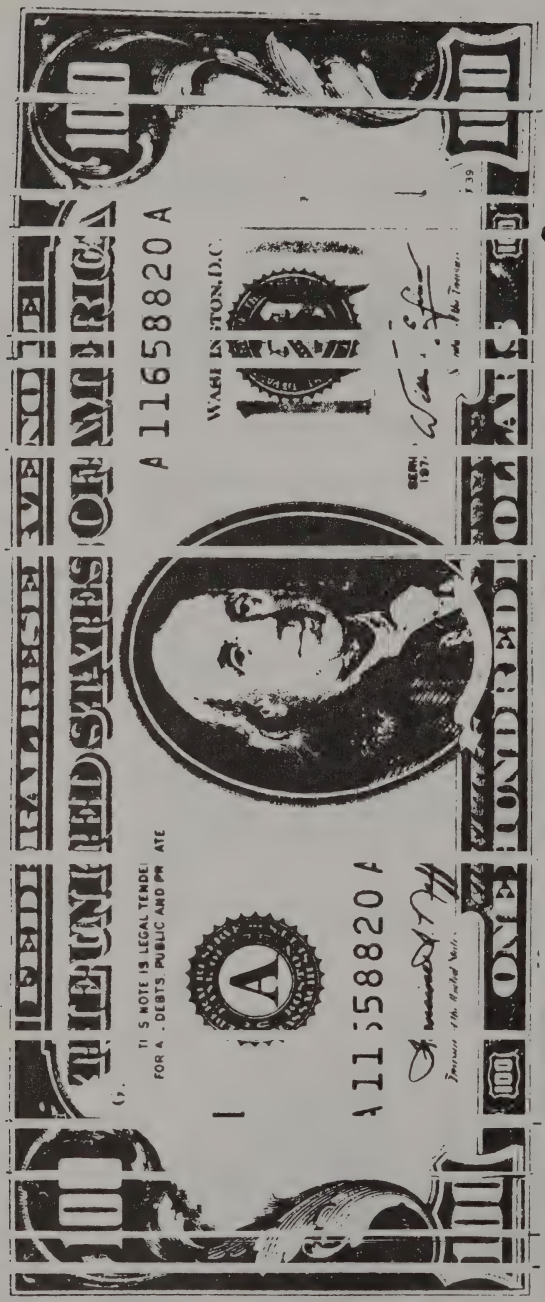
1979 TOWN BUDGET COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

TITLE	BUDGET 1978 Total Appropriations	1978 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1979 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
General Government	$ 41,095.00	$ 40,761.42	$ 46.168.00	+ $ 5,073.00
Town Officers	34,530.00	34,071.55	41,091.00	+ 6,561.00
Assessing Department	14,150.00	14,022.78	15,971.00	+ 1,821.00
Insurance	14,800.00	14,800.00	21,900.00	+ 7,100.00
Planning Board	200.00	924.55	1,500.00	+ 1,300.00
Library	2,800.00	2,243.75	4,650.00	+ 1,850.00
Penobscot Valley Reg. Plg. Com.	555.93	555.93	555.93	
County Tax	30,000.00	30,762.50	36,679.50	+ 6,679.50
PROTECTION				
Police Department	36,992.00	38,241.39	42,980.00	+ 5,988.00
Searsport Fire Department	11,750.00	11,671.01	13,100.00	+ 1,350.00
North Searsport Fire Dept.	6,200.00	5,847.35	5,850.00	– 350.00
Ambulance	3,800.00	3,023.09	3,300.00	– 500.00
Hydrant Rental	18,490.00	18,490.00	19,490.00	+ 1,000.00
Street Lights	11,600.00	9,586.71	11,000.00	– 600.00
Civil Defense	200.00	254.40	200.00	
HEALTH & SANITATION				
Sanitary Landfill	15,530.00	13,167.15	14,813.00	– 717.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00	226.73	500.00	– 500.00
Sewer Planning & Interest	6,991.68	6,991.65	6,626.19	– 365.49
Human Services	2,827.74	2,727.74	2,430.50	– 397.24
Welfare	4,200.00	1,364.03	3,000.00	– 1,200.00

	BUDGET 1978 Total Appropriations	1978 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1979 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
		COMPARATIVE SUMMARY CONTINUED		
HIGHWAYS & TREES				
Town Roads	$ 54,200.00	$ 54,075.91	$ 59,950.00	+ 5,750.00
State Aid Road Construction	10,392.00	10,392.00	12,786.00	+ 2,394.00
Winter Roads	21,922.52	23,899.52	22,000.00	+ 77.48
Town Tree Program	12,500.00	13,026.00	9,100.00	— 3,400.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS				
Union Hall Remodeling	-0-	484.02	3,500.00	+ 3,500.00
Recreation	15,883.00	13,903.85	18,095.00	+ 2,212.00
Town Wharf	2,500.00	2,931.74	4,500.00	+ 2,000.00
Mosman Park	1,500.00	974.09	1,200.00	— 300.00
Harbormaster	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Promoting Searsport	2,000.00	2,003.50	2,500.00	+ 500.00
Cemeteries	1,700.00	1,898.05	1,500.00	— 200.00
July 4th Celebration	1,000.00	1,244.42	1,800.00	+ 800.00
Dog Officer	500.00	297.72	500.00	
Elm Street R.O.W.	200.00	250.00	-0-	— 200.00
CZM Downtown Revitalization	1,020.00	1,020.00	-0-	— 1,020.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RESERVE ACCTS.				
Police Cruiser Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
1979 Police Cruiser Purchase	-0-	-0-	3,200.00	+ 3,200.00
Tank Truck (Fire Reserve)	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-	— 2,000.00
4 WD Pickup for S. F. D.	-0-	-0-	4,000.00	+ 4,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	+ 500.00
New No. Searsport Fire St.	1,500.00	4,513.74	-0-	— 1,500.00
Downtown Parking Lot Const.	-0-	-0-	13,940.00	+ 13,940.00
6 CU. YD. Dump Truck	20,250.00	20,249.88	-0-	— 20,250.00
Hopper Sander	4,825.00	4,825.00	-0-	— 4,825.00
S.L.F. Equipment Reserve	5,500.00	4,006.28	3,000.00	— 2,500.00
Dwelley Rd. Reconstruction	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-	— 10,000.00
Mosman Park-Baseball Backstop	1,100.00	1,100.00	-0-	— 1,100.00
Mun. Bldg. Land Options	1,700.00	1,400.00	-0-	— 1,700.00
Union Hall Electrical	6,500.00	6,688.56	-0-	— 6,500.00
Portable Radios for P.D.	2,400.00	2,400.00	-0-	— 2,400.00
Radios for S.F.D.	3,000.00	2,832.00	-0-	— 3,000.00
Fire Alarm System	7,437.00	7,801.55	-0-	— 7,437.00

	BUDGET 1978 Total Appropriations	1978 Actual Expenditures	BUDGET 1979 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
	COMPARATIVE SUMMARY CONTINUED			
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RESERVE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED				
Radios for Ambulance	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,603.25	-0-	– 3,500.00
Spec. Sewer Proj. - Jordan	7,010.84	7,010.84	-0-	– 7,010.84
Spec. Sewer Proj. - Nickols	2,000.00	1,120.58	-0-	– 2,000.00
Reconstruction-Town Wharf	12,000.00	11,597.00	-0-	– 12,000.00
Sub-Totals	$477,752.71	$471,283.23	$457,876.12	–$19,876.59
LESS CREDITS & RESERVES				
Federal Revenue Sharing	$ 48,500.00	$ 48,500.00	$ 60,000.00	11,500.00
Unappropriated Surplus	104,604.84	104,604.84	90,000.00	– 14,604.84
Searsport Water District	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Stockton Springs	5,970.00	5,371.84	5,981.00	+ 11.00
Excise Tax	47,000.00	47,000.00	55,000.00	+ 8,000.00
Maine Court Fees	750.00	470.10	500.00	– 250.00
Trees (State)	1,500.00	-0-	800.00	– 700.00
Snow Removal (State)	3,629.00	3,629.00	3,629.00	
Antirecession	68,000.00	68,000.00	-0-	– 68,000.00
Sub-Totals	$280,053.84	$277,675.78	$216,010.00	–$64,043.84
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	$197,698.87	$193,607.45	$241,866.12	+$44,167.25

1978 APPROPRIATIONS



General Government	$8.
Protection	$7.
Health & Sanitation	$2.
Highway & Tree	$8
Miscellaneous	$2.
Capital Outlay	$6.
County Tax	$7

Elementary K-8	Education $60.
Secondary 9-12	
Transportation	
Maintenance	
Debt Service	
Capital Outlay	
Special Education	

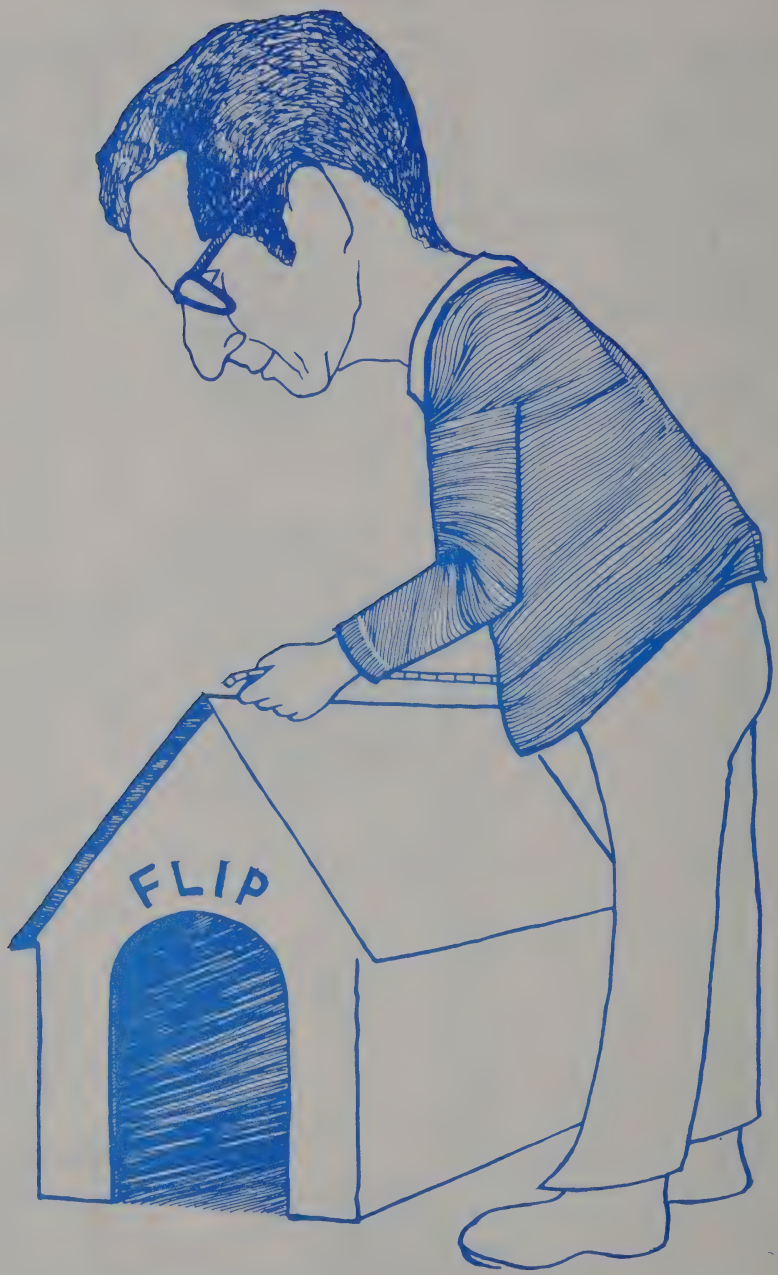
ANALYSIS OF 1978 TAXES

Where the Tax Dollar Comes From

Assessed Value		
Land	$ 8,545,930.00	
Buildings	22,101,210.00	
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	3,180,330.00	
Business Furniture & Fixtures	28,570.00	
Watercraft	64,880.00	
Miscellaneous	56,870.00	
	$33,977,790.00	
Veterans Exemptions	157,800.00	
	$33,819,990.00	
Tax Rate of $15.00 Per Thousand	x .0150	
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$507,299.85

Where the Tax Dollar Goes

Municipal Appropriations	$ 192,698.87	
County Tax	30,762.50	
Schools	354,861.13	
		$578,322.50
Balance from Surplus, Supplemental & State		$ 71,022.65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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

A question commonly asked today is why a Property Tax instead of a Sales, Income, or some other type of tax. Following are some of the important reasons.

It is relatively easy to administer and collect.

Regardless of the state of the economy, it provides the most stable and consistent income. As is so graphically displayed in Searsport, despite the drastic increase in property values, from $15,000,000 in 1971 to $34,000,000 in 1978, and a tax rate decrease from $37.00 in 1971 to $15.00 per thousand in 1978, the sum appropriated and raised to operate the Town and Schools has changed little from the $555,000 raised in 1971 to the $507,000 raised in 1978.

It is flexible and reponsive to the communities needs and desires. If the citizens of Searsport request a new service or wish to expand an existing one there is no need to guess as to how much it will cost the Taxpayer. Knowing the assessed value of the Town it is a simple matter to divide this value by the amount to be raised and the answer is the tax required to pay for this service. To illustrate further: if the Town value is $33,000,000, every mill or $1.00 per thousand tax on each piece of property will raise $33,000.

Higher property values created by inflation do not in themselves cause tax increases. As values increase and the appropriation remains constant, the tax rate decreases and the final tax remains the same.

It is the external influences over which we have so little control, as so well described in our Manager's Report, that creates the upward pressure on the tax rate.

To maintain Equity and to insure that each property owner pays only his or her fair share of the tax burden, it is essential that assessed values be reasonably close to Cost or Market Values. This is the surest way to ascertain that the owner of a new home pays no more in relation to its construction cost than an old home that has a market value as high or higher than the new home.

In the period of April 1, 1978 to April 1, 1979 we will have processed more than 125 property transfers.

As long as values continue to change and real estate is sold and divided so frequently, new structures are built and old ones remodeled, and Mobile homes are moved in and moved out, ap-

praising must be a continuous process and Townwide adjustments made at least every two years.

I am again pleased to report that the Assessing Department had an excellent Equity Rating of 8 in 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Ruben
Assessor

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1979

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 706, the Assessors of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine, hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality, that the Assessors' Office is open daily from Monday through Friday and will also be open the evening of April 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of revising lists of the estates, taxable in said Municipality.

RESIDENT OWNERS

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc., of all estates taxable in said municipality of such persons are hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April, 1979, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law to pay the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

PERSONS DOOMED

And any person who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the ASSESSORS or the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

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/s/ Howard Ruben, Assessor

Date Posted, March 1979

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

1978

Assessors in every Maine municipality shall list in the town report, or cause to be published in the local newspaper, the real estate property tax exemptions of institutions and organizations as defined in Title 36, section 652, and the real estate property tax exemptions of Federal, State and Municipal governments, along the municipal valuation of the exempted property the tax that would be levied on said property if it were not tax exempt. Cemeteries and houses of religious worship, but not other properties owned by a religious society, shall be exempted from these requirements.

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
8,880	Historical Society	12	26	$ 133.20
14,850	Town of Searsport Gravel Pit & Dump	2	46	222.75
1,670	Fire Station	5	40A	25.05
150	Land	5	49A	2.25
13,820	Land & Buildings	12	75	207.30
380	Parking Lot	15	46A	5.70
18,880	Fire Station	16	26	283.20
48,910	Town Hall	16	44	733.65
1,000	Land & Equip. Site	2	63A	15.00
54,140	Land & Highway Garage	2	20A	812.10
1,080	Land	11	16	16.20
13,230	Land	11	17	198.45
1,590	Land	11	15A	23.85
1,593,810	United States Government	7	51	23,907.15
50,390	MSAD 56 Offices & School	15	38	755.85
1,290,170	MSAD Elementary & HS Jr. H	17	16	19,352.55
42,020	MSAD Central School	16	42	630.30
3,340	MSAD Parking Lot	16	37A	50.10
4,070	MSAD Parking Lot	2	99	61.05
156,770	State of Maine	1	36	2,351.55
19,290	State of Maine	1	37	289.35
53,290	State of Maine	1	38	799.35
10,350	State of Maine	7	70	155.25

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY (Cont.)

31,510	Searsport Lions Club	2	17C	472.65
43,900	Searsport Water Dist.	2	19	658.50
3,000	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	19 & 18	45.00
3,920	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	14	58.80
3,000	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	25 & 26	45.00
2,250	Searsport Water Dist.	5	57A	33.75
1,500	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	39	22.50
3,000	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	60E & 63E	45.00
12,140	Searsport Water Dist.	6	69	182.10
216,000	Searsport Water Dist. Right of Ways, Mains,			3,240.00
11,200	Searsport Water Dist.	5	67	168.00
490	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	29	7.35
1,500	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	32	22.50
6,130	Searsport Water Dist.	5	59	91.95
65,740	Mosman Park	12	55 & 56	986.10
1,900	Carver Memorial Library	12	96	28.50
53,570	Carver Memorial Library	16	40	803.55
3,580	Penobscot Marine Museum	16	13	53.70
33,370	" " "	16	14	500.55
25,180	" " "	16	23	377.70
17,070	" " "	16	22	256.05
29,430	" " "	16	24	441.45
22,470	" " "	16	25	337.05
20,900	Congregational Parsonage	13	33	313.50
16,240	" Vestry	16	12	243.60
17,000	Methodist Parsonage	12	23	255.00
5,890	Full Gospel	12	1	88.35
21,170	" "	12	2	317.55
2,120	" "	6	39	31.80
1,200	" "	7	116	18.00
3,510	" "	7	117	52.65
13,520	Granite Grange Hall	5	37	202.80
8,530	Community Benefit Club	7	96	127.95
1,700	Boy Scout's of America	7	12	25.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance, January 1, 1978			$ 23,901.83

RECEIPTS

Collection of Taxes:			
1979 (Prepaid)	$ 73.50		
1978	479,872.10		
1977	21,018.65		
1976	5.64		
1975	8.40		
1974	5.40		
		$500,983.69	
Excise Taxes		55,940.05	
Tax Liens:			
1977	$ 4,727.01		
1976	3,604.83		
		$ 8331.84	
Sales of Tax Acquired Property		576.23	
Temporary Loans		30,000.00	
Inventory Tax Refund		39,947.47	
Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds		30,009.00	
Revenue Sharing:			
Federal	$ 45,737.00		
State	24,015.88		
		$ 69,752.88	
Withheld Employee Funds		$ 15,786.10	
Investments Cashed:			
General Funds	$354,553.01		
Federal Revenue Sharing	48,500.00		
		$403,053.01	
Operating Accounts:			
State of Me.	$ 32,320.99		
Other Sources	151,011.65		
		$183,332.64	
Miscellaneous		4.95	
Total Receipts			$1,337,717.86
Total Available			$1,361,619.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Summary of Operating Accounts		$981,672.50	
Investments:			
General Funds	$250,000.00		
Fed. Revenue Sharing Funds	45,737.00		
Ambulance Capital Reserve	1,500.00		
		$297,237.00	
Temporary Loans Paid		30,000.00	
Employee Funds Transmitted		15,786.10	
Tax Refunds		247.88	
Total Disbursements			$1,324,943.48
Cash Balance - December 31, 1978			$ 36,676.21

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1978 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Allen, Wayne & Kermit	$ 144.00
Alley, Mike W.	5.55
Alpendolf Realty, Inc.	1,009.50
Ashey, Leland & Linda	473.85
Ashey, Ronald & Carolyn	125.40
Babb, James & Linda	11.70
Baldacci, Vasco & Margerite	13.20
Barlow, Frederick & Paula	103.05
Barlow, Louise	60.45
Berry, George & Wilma	73.05
Berry, Richard	52.50
Birgfeld, Douglas Jr. & Brenda	483.75
Black, David & Lorna	9.00
Blake, Charles	43.20
Blake, Geneva M.	18.75
Boulier, James & Donna	136.65
Bowen, Wallace & Iverdel	37.00
Bowden, Carl L. *	258.90
Bragdon, William & Reed, Ethlyn	13.20
Brochu, Robert W.	147.00
Brown, Glenn	132.30
Carr, Hazel *	41.20
Chandler, Bernard	179.70
Chapman, Gaylen & Marjorie	141.75
Chuprevich, Joseph	99.15
Cogswell, James	67.50
Cogswell, John & Arolin	168.75
Comer, Cary & Sonja	217.95
Cook, Edwin & Ramona	63.15
Cook, Ronald	152.25
Cook, Shirley & Irene	78.30
Cook, Wesley	130.05
Corbin, Armand	86.25
Corbin, Claude & Mary	175.20
Crossman, Norman *	77.25
Dakin, Erling & Rebecca	6.00
Dakin, Lee & Rose	215.10
Dehmlow, Ervin	100.35
Desalvo, Albert & Pearl	51.15
Donaldson, Thomas W.	15.00

1978 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Downs, Irene	63.00
Dudley, Esther E.	25.80
Dyer, Roland	82.95
Ellis, Austin & Caroline *	35.25
Ellsmore, Norman Jr.	93.00
Elwell, Ralph & Helen	24.15
Ellis, Michael *	37.50
Faulkingham, Joan & Frederick	130.50
Fawcett, Frederick & Betsy	272.10
Fowler, Albert E.	74.25
Fraser, Claire T.	214.20
Fratzel, Noma P.	70.05
French, Gerald	121.50
Frohock, Steven H.	434.10
Glidden, Basil & June	319.20
Glidden, Richard A.	100.20
Glidden, Wayne A.	19.50
Grant, Kenneth & Janet	290.40
Grant, Vernon	91.20
Gray, Vernard G.	33.00
Hall, Albert & Claudia	80.40
Hamilton, Wesley & Joan	661.50
Harvey, Kenneth & Sonya	75.75
Hathaway, Donna	201.30
Hodgdon, Jeanie W.	888.45
Larrabee, Francis Heirs	20.25
Howard, Rickey & Jackie	406.35
Hughes, Ann D.	266.25
Ireland, George & Harriet	89.10
Jewell, Denna	82.50
Johnson, Dr. Fred & Edith	620.70
Kalis, Stanley G.	913.50
Kenney, George A.	90.75
Kenney, Marilyn & Irvin	486.75
Kinney, Max & Iva	1,183.35
Knowlton, Roland & Sarah	71.50
Knox, Richard	94.35
Krienke, Dale & Patricia	302.10
Lambeth, Alice	52.50
Lambeth, Carl	27.50
Lanpher, Donna & Warren	162.90
Leavitt, George D.	1.95

Lloyd, Alice	153.00
Lockhart, Wallace Sr.	133.20
Long, Sylvia	415.65
Lord, Janet & Lovejoy, Deborah	232.95
Lovejoy, Deborah	22.80
Magnum Oil Co.	583.80
Martin, James G.	129.60
Mason, Peter K.	248.85
Mercer, Robert & Bonnie	165.60
Mitchell, Charles A. Jr.	52.20
Moody, Frederick C.	51.15
Morin, Leo & Hilda	71.85
Munro, Steve	104.25
Moulton, Ronald	120.45
Munro, Richard & Priscilla	43.95
McGowan, John	237.90
McKinney, Eugene & Judith	253.80
Nickerson, Annie J.	169.65
Nickerson, Elmer & Sarah	132.45
Nickerson, Pauline	287.25
Nickerson, Raymond & Judith	91.50
Nickerson, Tilden	90.60
O'Brien, Virgil	11.25
O'Donnell, Lorraine F. *	188.40
Parker, George & Patricia	418.20
Peaco, Gordon & June	417.45
Pease, Donald & Melvina	150.00
Peasley, Michael & Ruth	44.10
Pendergast, David & Barbara	5.85
Perkins, Elmer & Agnes	255.45
Perkins, Marion	59.40
Perry, Joseph & Haynes, Lorraine **	780.90
Reed, Willis	75.60
Retirement Homes, Inc. **	1,588.65
Reynolds, O. C.	41.85
Rezendes, Richard G.	37.50
Rhodes, Mrs. Fernald*	45.45
Rigby, William & Deborah	106.35
Robbins, Barbara M.	253.50
Robbins, Jerry	105.00
Roberts, Gary & Barbara	238.95
Russell, George & Beverly	188.10

1978 UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Cont.)

Sambrook, Leroy & Mary	4.65
Savage, Edwin & Marjorie	416.10
Scott, Jerome Evans	30.00
Seekins, Berdina H.	47.55
Seekins, David Paul	436.20
Seekins, Leroy & Bonnie	107.55
Seekins, Joan & Paul	297.25
Siemann, William	100.50
Smith, Gloria	265.05
Smith, Roger & Beverly	334.95
Southworth, Warren & Ruth	312.00
Stevens, Gerald P.	1.95
Stevens, Myra	147.90
Stover, Lloyd	122.70
Sweet, Thomas & Hermione	52.50
Swift, Freda	472.12
Sylvester, David	5.85
Sylvester, Lloyd	57.45
Taylor, Helen L.	127.50
Thompson, Emery & Edna	31.80
Tozier, Charles E. Heirs	89.85
Tracy, Harold & Roberta	74.25
Trask, Richard & Elsie	7.20
Tripp, Larry	107.25
Verrill, James & William	6.75
Ward, Clarence & Raynetta	110.25
Ward, Clarence Jr. & Karen	160.65
Ward, Douglas	202.35
Ward, George & Carolyn	20.31
Whitcomb, Roland	22.50
White, Martha J.	254.40
Williams, Ralph G.	247.65
Wing, Elton & Mary Ellen	113.85
Worth, William & Mary	4.50
Yeaton, Richard & Florence	52.05
Young, Roy *	156.90
Young, Victor *	34.35
Hall, Albert & Claudia	7.20
Leach, Glenn	75.00
Ward, Douglas	96.60
Fratzel, Noma P.	56.40
Total Uncollected	$28,805.83

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Ronald & Carolyn Ashey	$	1.59
Vasco, Baldacci		13.99
Douglas Birgfeld		2.86
Joseph Chuprevich		4.13
Damon Curtis		6.83
Lee & Rose Dakin		4.77
Frederick Faulkingham		2.86
Ferris Music		18.28
Max Kinney		18.28
Anthony, Merithew		3.65
Virgil O'Brien		3.18
David Pendegast		6.20
Stephen Pomeroy		5.56
Gerald Stevens		2.06
Kenneth Grant		3.18
Larry Tripp		5.24
Frederick & Betsy Fawcett		3.18
Donald Ruhlin		1.59
Edwin Savage		12.72

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX

Donna & Warren Lanpher		122.67
	$	242.82

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Douglas Birgfeld		3.69
Vance Brown		2.05
Damon Curtis		8.80
Joan & Fred Faulkingham		2.15
Kenneth Grant		4.10
Virgil O'Brien		4.10
James & William Verrill		9.23
	$	34.12

INVENTORY TAX

James & William Verrill	$	123.50

1975 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	$ 5.46
Damon Curtis	4.20
Fred Faulkingham	3.78
Marilyn Kenney	4.20
George Koppel	10.50
James Verrill	9.45
Dana Barnes	3.78
	$ 41.37

INVENTORY TAX

George Koppel	$ 11.25
James Verrill	117.00
	$ 128.25

1974 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	$ 7.02
Damon Curtis	5.40
Albert Hall	10.80
Larry Tripp	5.40
Penobscot Shores	46.25
	$ 74.87

1973 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Joseph Chuprevich	$ 8.32

1972 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Damon Curtis	$ 7.40
Magnum Oil	3,980.00
	$ 3,987.49

1971 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Magnum Oil	$ 3,980.09

*Paid in full since Dec. 31, 1978
**Part paid since Dec. 31, 1978

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Garland
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Searsport

Vital Statistics:

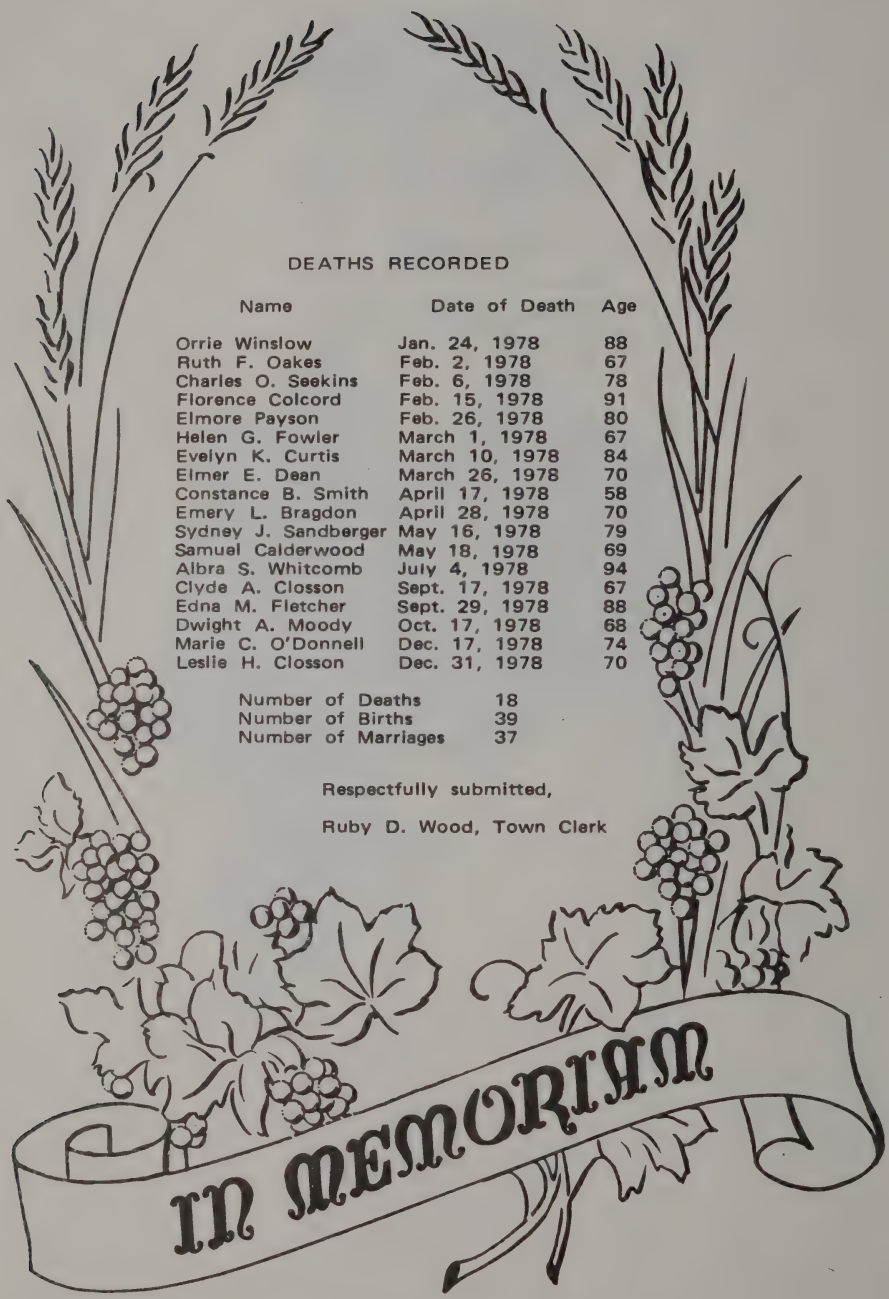
Marriages recorded	37
Births recorded	39
Deaths recorded	18

Dog Licenses issued:

Male dogs	145
Spayed female dogs	136
Female dogs	36
Kennels	1

Hunting & Fishing Licenses issued:

Combinations	171
Resident Hunting	255
Resident Fishing	163
Junior Hunting	95
Serviceman's Combination	5
Archery Licenses	12
Pheasant Stamps	17



DEATHS RECORDED

Name	Date of Death	Age
Orrie Winslow	Jan. 24, 1978	88
Ruth F. Oakes	Feb. 2, 1978	67
Charles O. Seekins	Feb. 6, 1978	78
Florence Colcord	Feb. 15, 1978	91
Elmore Payson	Feb. 26, 1978	80
Helen G. Fowler	March 1, 1978	67
Evelyn K. Curtis	March 10, 1978	84
Elmer E. Dean	March 26, 1978	70
Constance B. Smith	April 17, 1978	58
Emery L. Bragdon	April 28, 1978	70
Sydney J. Sandberger	May 16, 1978	79
Samuel Calderwood	May 18, 1978	69
Albra S. Whitcomb	July 4, 1978	94
Clyde A. Closson	Sept. 17, 1978	67
Edna M. Fletcher	Sept. 29, 1978	88
Dwight A. Moody	Oct. 17, 1978	68
Marie C. O'Donnell	Dec. 17, 1978	74
Leslie H. Closson	Dec. 31, 1978	70

Number of Deaths	18
Number of Births	39
Number of Marriages	37

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby D. Wood, Town Clerk

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P.D.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I submit the following report of Police activities to the Town Manager, Selectmen and the Citizens of Searsport.

It seems another year has passed and the Police Department has been very busy.

I believe that the Maine Criminal Code and the New Juvenile Code have weakened law enforcement and, therefore, made it very difficult.

The Police Department has worked very hard to give its best, and will continue to do so in 1979.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Citizens in 1978; without you, our job would have been even more difficult.

The Department during 1978 made a great effort to put together a Special Investigative Unit, to investigate under cover, the drug, stolen property, and burgulary problems in Searsport, but due to belt tightening of the overall budget for the Town, this item was deleted to save the tax payers extra tax dollars.

A look at some of the activities shows:

Complaints	1,392
Accidents	126
Arrests	93
Motor Vehicle Violations	161

Again I would like to thank the Citizens of Searsport for their kind and dedicated support.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Leavitt
Chief of Police

SEARSPORT
FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1978

(Barney Hose Co.)

The Department answered 44 alarms in 1978 in comparison with 40 in 1977. Three of these alarms involved property loss, something in which must be considered more or less quite fortunate because of the very dry season that occurred state-wide.

However, much credit has to be given to the public citizens in general for their cooperation in helping to hold down damage and loss during the danger periods.

Our new combination pumper-tanker was delivered last February, also our new "Pager" Alarm System, after some delay, is now in full operation and proving out very well.

A reminder that the telephone number remains the same, 548-2900 for both fire & ambulance service. It will be answered during the weekdays (8:00-5:00) at the Town Office, in the evenings the Boarding Home answers all calls, they also answer calls weekends (day and night). These emergency calls are monitered by myself and Jim York (when available) as backup. The Boarding Home and the Town Office control the fire whistle, if needed.

Once again, I urge everyone to give serious thought to purchasing, in my opinion, that very inexpensive insurance policy, namely the SMOKE DETECTOR. In many cases, I believe those simple devices could have prevented property loss, lives, etc. It has been proven that with all the synthetic materials, detergents, etc. that are in homes today are deadly poison when burning, and when asleep a few breaths of most of these are fatal, not so much the flames that follow.

I wish at this time to express my appreciation for the cooperation from Mr. Garland, the Board of Selectmen, and all citizens for their help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Rich,
Fire Chief

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 1977-1978

Dec. 10, '77	Roland Whitcomb, Stockton Springs, House
Dec. 15, '77	False Alarm, Storm Short Circuit
Dec. 23, '77	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Dec. 31, '77	Leon Potter, Chimney
Jan. 6, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Jan. 6, '78	False Alarm (Tel. Co.)
Jan. 8, '78	False Alarm, Storm Short Circuit
Jan. 9, '78	Lawrence Hamilton, Chimney
Jan. 9, '78	Shirley Cook, Chimney
Jan. 10, '78	Kenny's Apartments, Debris
Jan. 20, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Jan. 21, '78	Eugene Johnson, Stockton Springs, House
Jan. 23, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Jan. 29, '78	Ronald Merrithew, Chimney
Jan. 30, '78	Robert Delaite, Stockton Springs, Chkn. House
Jan. 31, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Feb. 12, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Feb. 14, '78	Stanely Kalis, Chimney
Feb. 26, '78	Short Circuit on Ambulance Call (Full Alarm)
Mar. 8, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
Mar. 9, '78	Jordan's Restaurant, Basement/Electrical
Mar. 25, '78	Bruce Cook, Car Fire
Apr. 13, '78	Isabelle Hills, Fire Place/Chimney
Apr. 17, '78	Esther Fowler, Barn/House
Apr. 18, '78	Roland Whitcomb, (Charles Ames Farm) Grass
April 26, '78	John Harvey, Grass
May 2, '78	Frank Rivers, Chimney
May 4, '78	Harry Grey, Field (Alarm by Passerby, No Fire)
May 25, '78	False Alarm, (Tel. Co.)
June 15, '78	Town Dump
June 22, '78	Sydney Rivers, Chimney
June 27, '78	Laundramat, Dryer
June 28, '78	Ruby Dickey Farm (Clark) Debris
July 12, '78	James Clark, Woods
July 19, '78	Basil Glidden, Barn
Aug. 2, '78	Mrs. Boutelle Savage, False Alarm
Aug. 22, '78	Vernard Ayer Car Dump
Aug. 23, '78	Donna Hathaway, Grass

TOTAL ALARMS (Cont.)

Sept. 7, '78	Dennis Beverage Co., Truck
Sept. 14, '78	Car owned by McCorrison Co.
Oct. 22, '78	Searsport Drug, Trash Barrel
Oct. 29, '78	Colcord's Trailer Park, Oil Burner*
Nov. 2, '78	Edgar Sanborn, Grass
Nov. 15, '78	False Alarm, (Cause Unknown)

*First Motorola Pager Alarm

TOTAL ALARMS - 44

Is your land subject to any enforceable restrictions which limit the use to which it may be put?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please indicate the nature of the restriction:
'(Check the appropriate block or blocks.)

Zoning ordinance ☐
Subdivision restrictions ☐
Recorded Contractual
Provisions ☐

(List of Estates not exempt from taxation)

(Other Please describe below.) ☐

4. Personal Property:

Check items owned or in possession and subject to taxation in the municipality in which this return is filed:

a. Machinery and equipment (industrial, mercantile, farm, etc.) ☐
b. Watercraft. ☐
c. Furniture and fixtures - store, office, commercial. ☐
d. Other - Please identify briefly. ☐

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LIST OF ESTATES NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Filed Pursuant to Title 36, M. R. S. A., Section 706

To the Assessors of the Municipality of . . . . . .

1. I am a legal resident of . . . . . .
   (Municipality) (State)

2. Structures on land not owned by you:
   If Mobil Home: Give Make, Year, Model, Size, Cost when new.
   List property owned by you on April 1, which is located on leased land or land not owned by you, including dwelling houses, house trailers, camps, stores, storehouses or any other structures.
   Identify landowner and location in each case.

Location (Street and number, or other brief description)	Owner of Land	Type of Structure
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet.)

3. Real Estate

List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation on April 1 of the year for which this list is filed, and located in the municipality in which this return is filed:

Location (St. and Number, or other brief description)	Area of Land (Lot Dimensions in ft.; or acres)	Buildings, Mobile Homes (As, dwelling, farmstead, Mobil Homes, store, garage, etc)
a.	. . . . .	. . . . .
b.	. . . . .	. . . . .
c.	. . . . .	. . . . .
d.	. . . . .	. . . . .

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet).

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered since the previous April 1?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, identify building and give brief description of construction or alteration.

The foregoing is submitted in compliance with Title 36, M. R. S. A. Section 706, and is true and correct to the best of my belief as of April 1 of the current year.

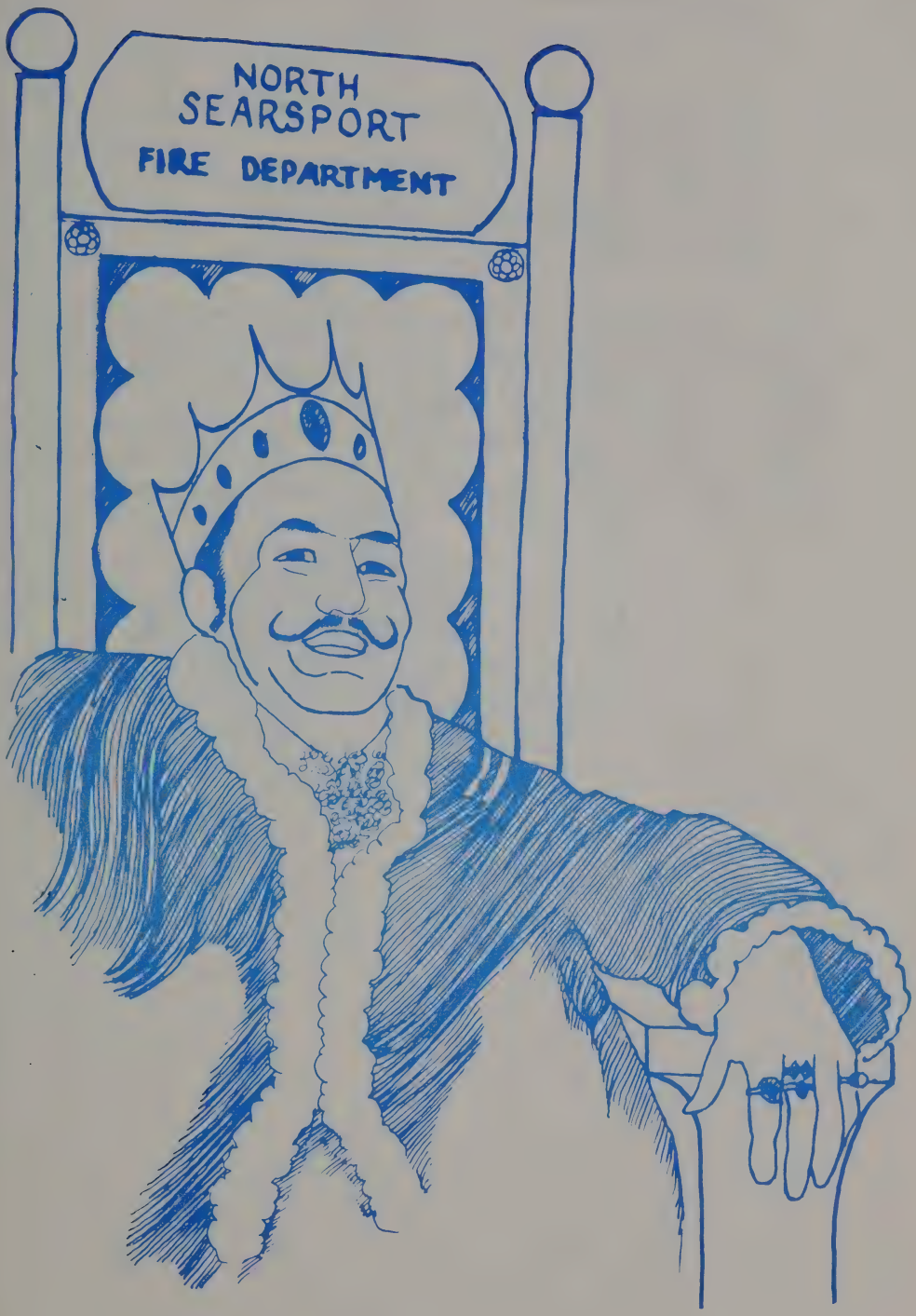
I understand that the assessors (or any of them) may require me to make oath of the foregoing; and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquires and subscribe the same will bar an appeal to the County Commissioners.

. . . . . .
Date

. . . . . .
Name of Taxpayer - Please Print

. . . . . .
Signature of Taxpayer. If signed on behalf of corporation, please state capacity.

Return before May 1st.


NORTH
SEARSPORT
FIRE DEPARTMENT

NORTH SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL FIRE REPORT

May 8, '78	Russ Larson, Chimney
June 10, ,78	Car Accident
July 29, '78	Joe Wellman, House
Aug. 15, '78	Joe Wellman, Rubbish
Sept. 6, '78	C.M.P., Fire on Power Line
Sept. 11, '78	Russ Larson, Chimney

Again many thanks to the Citizens, Board of Selectmen, and Mr. Garland for the new North Searsport Fire Department facilities. It has increased our feeling of security and ability to protect the residents in North Searsport.

Special thanks to Mr. William (Bill) Bowen for the sign he designed and carved for our new fire house. We have placed it on the front of the new building for all to see and enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearley B. Seekins
Fire Chief

AMBULANCE FLYER

Ambulance Report

To the citizens of Searsport:

Throughout 1978 we responded to 99 calls and traveled a total of 4,185 miles, at a net cost of $3,023.09.

This year I am asking for $3,300, a drop of $500 from last year; also, for $2,500 for the Ambulance Reserve Account. Our overall budget will stay the same as last year, in the never ending battle to keep our taxes down as much as possible and yet provide the quality of service you people deserve.

I would like to report that, although there are a few bugs to get ironed out, the new pager system has proven to be the quality system it was meant to be.

I am proud to say that we have 12 licensed attendants, which include 2 registered nurses and 5 EMT's, plus we have 5 drivers. Two more of our attendants are attending the EMT course being taught at Waldo Regional Vocational Center. This course will be completed by June of this year.

We hold monthly training sessions on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the fire house. Some of the programs through the year have included blood pressure training, forced entry, communications, ambulance familiarization, oxygen therapy, CPR, drug overdoses and abuse, chlorine gas safety and lecture, extrication, splinting, and scott air pak training to name only a few.

We have taken field trips to Delta Chemical Co., the U. S. Government Tank Farm, Stockton Springs Ambulance classes and the Bayview Boarding Home.

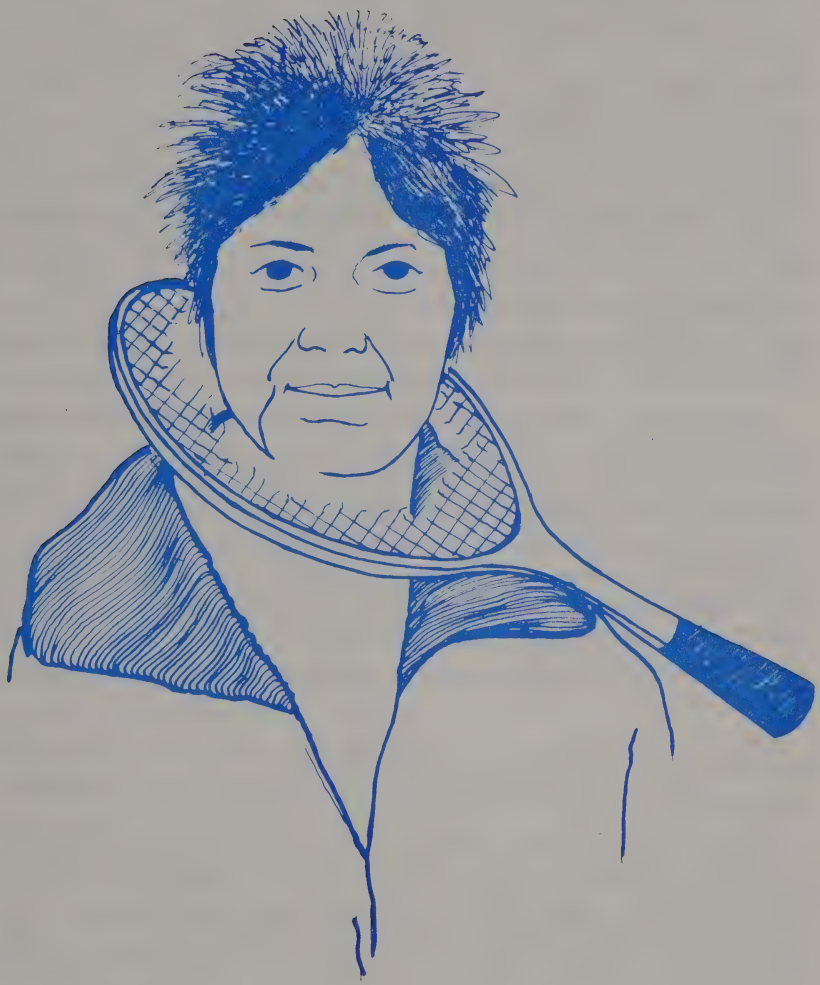
Our monthly sessions are open to any and all interested citizens who would like to see the type of training the crew receives.

At this time, I would like to thank my ambulance personnel and all the citizens of Searsport for their cooperation and assistance in making the Searsport Ambulance Service one of the finest services around.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. York, Sr.
Ambulance Director



RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the past year the Searsport Recreation Department has expanded its' recreation services through the addition of new programs and special events for the people in the community.

A number of winter programs were offered for all ages. Men's Night, one of our most popular and consistent programs, ran throughout the year, with basketball during the colder months and softball in the summer months. A Pee Wee Basketball League was offered for boys and girls in grades 4 to 6. It started in February and ran until the end of April with 35 youngsters participating. Other winter-spring programs offered were: family afternoon, ladies exercises, Tap and Ballet for youngsters, and Tap and Jazz for adults, weekly movies, and after-school arts and crafts program, swimming, belly dancing, a pre-school program, vacation specials, a fencing demonstration, puppet shows, Easter Egg Hunt, clean-up day, the Bicycle Inspection & Rodeo, plus more.

Our summer schedule consisted of eleven programs and weekly specials. Arts and crafts, tennis lessons for youngsters and adults, adult co-ed night, men's night, and baseball and softball programs were just a few offered. Some of our special events included a pet show, skateboard contest, scavenger hunts, park picnics, a clown performance, and a bike trip to Lake St. George. Through the cooperation of the school district, Lloyd Rainy, and the bus drivers, we were able to take youngsters on field trips to Fort Knox, Aqualand in Bar Harbor, and Children's Day at the Broiler Festival.

Due to unfortunate circumstances our three week instructional swim program was unable to be offered, but it is planned for this coming year.

Through the aid of the Chamber of Commerce, the Searsport businesses, residents, and Emily Darby we were able to completely outfit the boys Babe Ruth Team with uniforms. The team in turn showed their appreciation with a winning record and the title of 1978 Waldo-Hancock Coastal League Champions.

Other summer teams under the direction of the Searsport Recreation Department are the Girl's Softball Team age 13 to 16, the Boy's Farm League age 8 to 12, and the young girls Lassie League Team age 8 to 12. The Lassie League Program was very successful in its' first year. Its' purpose is to teach the fundamental skills of the game and then let the youngsters use them in a game situation.

I would like to thank the coaches, scorers, and officials of all our team programs from Basketball to baseball and softball. They put alot of time and effort into helping these youngsters. I also want to thank the parents for their support in such programs by being present and helping transport these youngsters to games.

The Fourth of July always seems to be a special time for Searsport. As in the past the Recreation Department participated in the parade and held activities in the park following the parade. I want to thank Merrill Transport and John Barry for their assistance, and also add that Emily Darby, again, did a tremendous job in her parade preparation.

In May, Linda Miller, a junior at Searsport High School, was under my direction through a federally funded program. Linda was a tremendous asset to the Recreation Department during her stay from May until September.

In the fall a few more new programs were added to our regular schedule. We started a Pee Wee Kickball League for girls and boys in grades 3 to 6, which was held twice a week after supper, and a soccer program was offered to the boys and girls in the junior high grades after school. Even disco dancing hit the scene and will resume in the spring. Other new programs included: Adult Co-Ed Volleyball and Open gym for Jr. and Sr. High youth. Men's Night movies, the pre-school program, Tap and Ballet, and Pee Wee Basketball were continued.

Many of these programs will continue on into the 1979 year. Several of the new programs started in the 1978 year show great promise as far as increased participation is concerned. New events and programs are already in the planning, such as, an Elementary Pillo Polo League, Foul Shooting contest for all ages, and a Searsport Residents only Tennis Tournament to name a few.

In the field of recreation, it is essential that there be a great deal of cooperation between the Recreation Department and the community.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I can say that a relationship such as this does exist in this community. It is impossible for me to list the many people who have helped make the recreation program a success, so I will end by offer-

ing my sincere thanks to all the members of the Recreation Committee, the school district personnel, our Town Manager (Peter Garland), and the many people within the community who volunteered their services.

Committee Members: Chairman, Phil Wolley, Secretary, Ada Curtis, John Barry, Harold Garcelon, Judy Kienow, Emily Darby, Debra Coffin, Kim Collins, Randy Ashey, Marge Knuuti, Ex-Officio.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Norris
Recreation Director

SEACOAST RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Dear Fellow Snowmobilers and Searsport Citizens:

The Snowmobile Club for 1978-79 has a family membership of twenty-five members, up three memberships from last year.

Before we had any snow we had a hunters' breakfast in November which was quite successful, being our first one. We have also had four new drags built and members have kept the trails in excellent shape.

As of this writing, we have not had one good weekend, weather wise, to have any club rides.

Every year the club donates with the Town $200.00 to the Pine Tree Cripple Children's Fund.

Our meetings have been held at different club members' homes this year, we also have a new young president, Gary Collins, who is doing a fine job.

We have a few new trails this year also, so come and join the fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Garton
Secretary

REPORT OF THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The year 1978 brought much activity and several changes to the Carver Memorial Library. The David Sears Room continues to be used extensively by the Recreation Committee for movies and other purposes, 4-H Club, 2 lodge groups, Snowmobile Club, Women's International Farm and Garden Club, Mosman Park Association and throughout the spring and into the early fall a "Coffee House" each Thursday evening featured many talented musicians in folk and classical music.

The new front doors of the library have been finished and installed. A BOOK DROP placed in the new doors to enable library users to return their books at any hour has proved both useful and successful. An overhead light has been installed above the rear parking lot and new shrubbery has been planted in that area. The roof has had some work to repair flashing and will need more extensive work in the future.

The summer reading club was not held this past summer. A new summer project is being discussed and worked on for 1979. The annual tea and white elephant sale was held in August. The 4-H Club decorated the library for Christmas.

Circulation increased in 1978 to 5328 books, an increase of 1732 over the previous year. 517 new books were added to the shelves and many paperbacks were donated to the paperback rack. A new edition of World Book was added to the children's reference section and several new reference books were added to the adult reference section. The shelf of free magazines continues to be popular, thanks to the many contributors. University Extension and other pamphlets are also available.

A group of very old books from the David Sears collection was sold for $4,103.13 and that money has been added to the special funds of the library association.

Two important changes occurred in the library personnel. Mr. Joshua Curtis retired as custodian after twenty-five years of service. Mrs. Esther Card retired January 1st as librarian. Mrs. Card had worked in the Carver Memorial Library for sixteen years. We are most grateful and appreciative of their many years of service to the community. Mrs. Judith Kaiser was appointed librarian in December. The new custodian is Keith Knuuti.

There has been an increasing demand for more library hours. As of January 1, 1979 the library opened for 20 hours per week: 2 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and Thursday evening, 7 - 9 p.m. The Saturday morning story hour for children resumed in February.

Mrs. Knuuti resigned as President of the Board of Trustees in November but continues to serve as a Trustee. The other members of the Board join me in expressing deep appreciation for the many, many hours of work she has given to the Carver Memorial Library Association.

On behalf of Mrs. Knuuti and myself I wish to express sincere thanks to Mrs. Card, the members of the Board of Trustees, Peter Garland and the Selectmen, and all friends of the library for their strong support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the board,

Mary Pendleton
President

Trustees of the Carver Memorial Library

Honorary President	Miss Sally E. Dow
President	Mrs. Mary Pendleton
Vice-President	Mrs. Joan Probert
Treasurer	Mrs. Geneva Staples
Secretary	Mrs. Faith Garrold
Mrs. Inez Campbell	Mrs. Marian Alden
Mrs. Grace Murphy	Mr. Robert Farris
Miss Lucy Nichols	Mrs. Marge Knuuti
Mr. Carl Robbins	Mrs. Marguerita Francis
Mr. Peter Garland	

THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SEARSPORT, MAINE
DECEMBER 31, 1978

REPORT OF TREASURER

Expendible Assets:

1.	Now Account Balance	$ 4,254.81
2.	25 Shares Merrill Bankshares	500.00
3.	4 Shares Knox Woolen Co.	440.00
4.	Clifford N. Carver Fund	760.90
5.	Blanchard - Richardson Fund	720.69
6.	Capt. Wilbur J. Carver Fund	241.73
7.	Henrietta G. McCaslin Fund	564.78
8.	David Sears Room Fund	193.29
		$ 7,676.20

Invested Assets:

1.	Town of Searsport Trust Funds	
	Ann McGilvery	$ 2,020.28
	Amelia C. Ford	100.00
	Charles P. Gordon	1,000.00
	Annie Partridge	170.36
	Hannah L. Pendleton	100.00
	Cyrus True	500.00
	William B. Trundy	3,000.00
		$6,890.64

TOTAL ASSETS $14,566.84

December 31, 1978

General Maintenance

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1 Jan. 1978	$ 514.55		
Dues and Contributions	10.00		
Trust Fund Income			
James P. Nichols	1,536.44		
Other	561.69		
Stock Dividends			
Merrill Bankshares	165.00		
Knox Woolen Co.	48.00		
Annual Sale	281.31		
State Library	195.00		
State Stipend	84.00		
Books Sold	14.00		
David Sears Collection	4,103.13		
Clifford N. Carver Fund	650.00		
Memorial Fund	65.00		
Savings to Now Account	2,048.77		
Interest on Now Account	120.16		
Misc. Income	22.62		
Desk Funds	110.00		
	$10,529.67		

Janitor	$ 544.55
Janitor's Supplies	46.57
Electricity	766.73
Fuel	754.96
Telephone	148.03
Water	48.00
Electrical Repairs	122.07
Desk Supplies	105.06
Cataloging	216.50
David Sears Room	419.51
Doors (final Payment)	650.00
Audit	235.00
Postage	38.00
Misc.	18.50

GENERAL MAINTENANCE (Cont.)

Misc. Repairs	35.84	
Magazines	32.94	
Books	2,045.30	
Book Repairs	47.30	
	$ 6,274.86	
Balance		$4,254.81

Respectfully submitted
Geneva Sears Staples
Treasurer

MOSMAN PARK ASSOCIATION

Some wonderful progress was made in the Park in 1978 due to the donations from Searsport citizens and groups. Six park benches were added, the climbing area was added to the children's playground (to be finished in Spring), three new grills and two permanent tables, these last to be set in the Spring. There were gifts of bulbs and plants for the gardens. As voted in last year's Town Meeting a new chain link backstop for the baseball area, which was a great improvement over the old wooden one.

Most of the grounds work was done this year by Mike Curtis, via the CETA Program and the Town. He did an excellent job.

We were very pleased and happy to see extended use of the Park this past year and hope for more as the years go along.

Our plans for 1979 are to include: purchasing more permanent tables and benches, to see that we get a permanent bleacher and two benches for the teams (baseball area), improvement of the parking area, addition of more trees and flowers, and maintaining the upkeep of the Park.

A special thank you to each of you who have helped the Park in special gifts and in our annual drive for funds.

Most warmly,

Mrs. Pam Kidner George, Pres.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

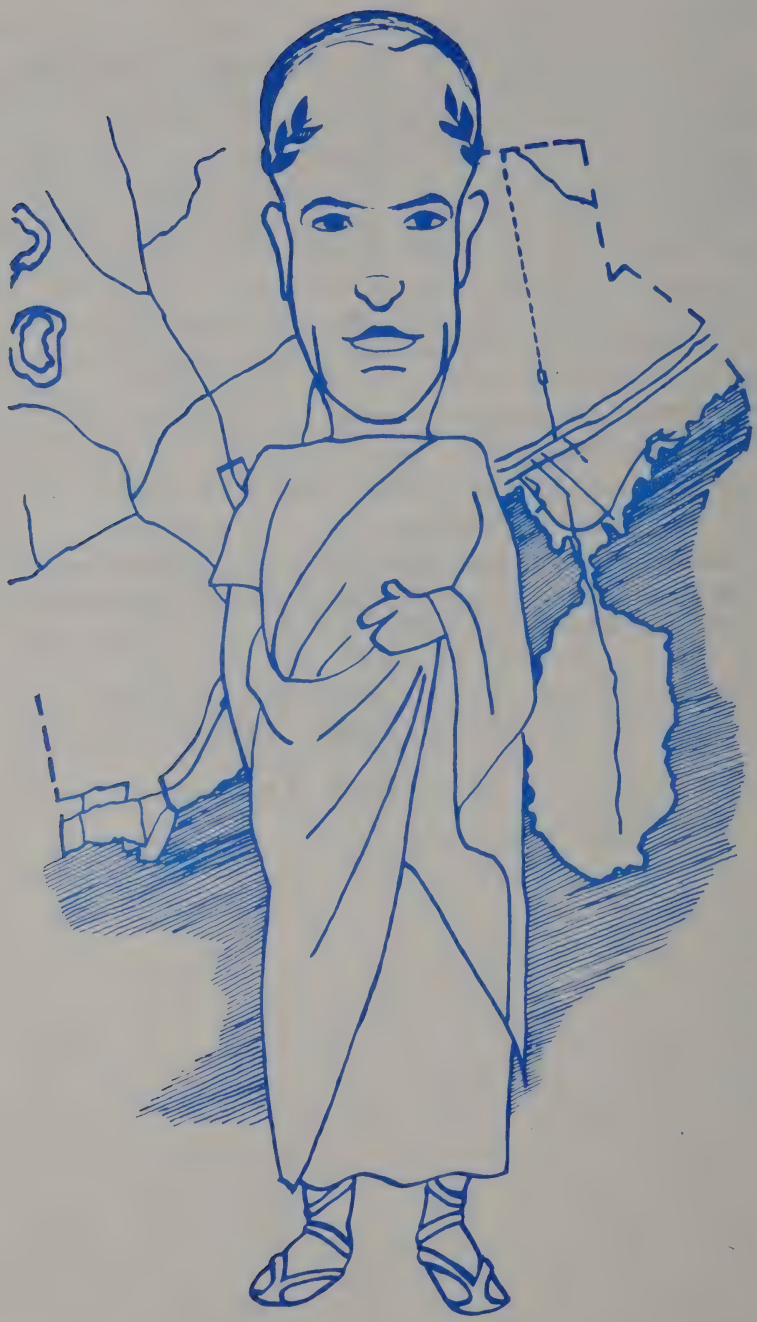
To the Citizens of Searsport:

I am proud to announce that the Searsport C.E.P. now owns a C.P.R. doll. James York, our C.P.R. and Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Training Officer, trained in the past three years 149 people in C.P.R. with borrowed dolls. This has been a great inconvenience as he had to travel to Bangor and Augusta to get them. Much time was taken up in cleaning and repairing them before they could be used. Now he has enough to teach his classes without borrowing any. Already this year he has a class in the Adult Education Program at the high school consisting of 16 Searsport Teachers and 12 other citizens and a class of 10 North Searsport Firemen . Anyone interested in taking these courses please contact James York and he will fit you into some future class.

We were also able to purchase three filing cabinets from the C.E.P. Warehouse in Augusta.

Courses in Radiological Monitoring and in the Handling of Hazardous Material have been offered by the Waldo County C.E.P. early in the year 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
Mornita Roberts
C.E.P. Director
Town of Searsport



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

1978 was the year of land use planning for your planning board as we spent two to three evenings per month on this subject. First was the establishment of land use goals for the Town of Searsport followed closely by amending the comprehensive plan of 1965 to reflect these goals. During this time we were also working with Mrs. Katherine Carter of the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission preparing a property base map of the Town plus transparent overlays depicting soil types, soil suitability i.e.: for septic tanks, topography, new development in Town, sewer and water lines, and existing cultural uses of the land. This material became a valuable tool in preparing a draft comprehensive zoning ordinance for the whole Town of Searsport, and it will be useful in planning for future growth of our Town. Following several property owner meetings this fall in Searsport and North Searsport, during which we sought comments and input on the ordinance from the people of our community, the plan was finalized for a public hearing and presentation to the voters at Town Meeting, 1979.

We worked with five landowner's and their proposed subdivision in 1978, None of the proposals were denied and some have not been presented in final form yet. There were two applications for construction within the shoreland zoned area of which one was approved with conditions and one was denied.

We have been keeping informed on the Sears Island development via briefings from Central Maine Power Company althrough progress seems to be inextricably entwined in "red tape". The concept of revitalizing the downtown area has our support and should offer the opportunity to enliven and invigorate our commercial core.

Respectfully submitted,
Searsport Planning Board
Bruce Probert, Chairman

SEARSPORT Chamber of Commerce

1978 EFFORTS

Informational Meetings.

Meet the Candidates - Town Meeting 1978 - Again in 1978 the Chamber held a "Meet the Candidates Night" for Selectmen and School Board aspirants. The meeting was structured so that participants had an opportunity to state their position on a number of different topics.

Sears Island Container Terminal - Union Hall was packed with people who came from Bangor to Belfast to learn about the new MDOT sponsored study which chose Sears Island as the best location in the State for a general cargo marine terminal. Bill Fernald of MDOT explained the study and then the effort needed by this community was outlined. Among others, representatives from the Greater Bangor Chamber of Commerce offered their support. The meeting was the basis on which Maineport Council (see below) was formed.

Town Zoning Goals, Bypass of Searsport and Downtown Restoration - This tri-topic meeting was held in June at Union Hall. Residents of Searsport filled the hall and heard Bruce Probert explain the Planning Board's Land Use Goals which the Town soon adopted. The most controversial issue was addressed by Dan Webster Assistant to the Commissioner of MDOT, who explained that there were no plans or funds to build a Route 1 bypass around Searsport. Peter Garland closed the meeting with a brief discussion of his efforts to obtain a grant which would be used to begin a restoration effort in the village center (see below).

Meet the Candidates - November - All national and local candidates were represented at the Chamber's first meet the candidates night for a November election. Each candidate spoke for 5 minutes and then the audience asked questions. Audience participation was pointed and several expressed concern about the abundance of government red tape.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE SEARSPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - This years meeting was held October 19, 1978 at the Grand Mariner Restaurant. Sixty members and guests

enjoyed a fine meal and program and then participated in the business meeting following. Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission gave a slide talk which illustrated the restoration opportunity we have in the village of Searsport. Earle is working with the Searsport Historical Society and the Town to have some sections of the village registered in the National Historic Registry.

Bruce Probert was awarded the First Annual Citizen of the Year Award just before the business meeting. Meritorious Service Awards were made to: Reverend Richard Blake, Frances Bowen, William Bowen, Ada Curtis, Emily Darby, Peter A. Garland, Grace Jordan, Marjorie Knuuti, Cathy Norris, Antonenia Rowe, James Verrill, and James York.

The following slate of officers were elected:

President	Peter A. Garland
Vice President	Edward Fernands
Secretary	Robert Sommers
Treasurer	Elizabeth Goodwin
Director - 3 yrs.	Frances Bowen

Mike Knox and Emily Darby will continue their three year terms as Directors.

Welcome Signs - A Welcome to Searsport sign was installed at the Northeast end of Town on Route 1. The sign on the Southwest end of Town was repainted to match the new sign. The sign design and painting was done by John Thornton of Stockton.

Maineport Council - Perhaps one of your Chambers most important activities of the year is its support of MDOT's proposed Sears Island general cargo terminal. As a result of the informational meeting described above, the Chamber together with the Town of Searsport and the Searsport Port Committee formed the Sears Island Terminal AdHoc Steering Committee. This Chamber committee brought together business and government leaders from primarily the Belfast to Bangor area, however, membership includes leaders from Portland to Presque Isle.

As a result of a contest held this summer, Maineport Council was selected as the name for this group. Among other things, the Council has sponsored informational meetings

around Central and Northern Maine, lobbied the Maine State Legislature, held press conferences and worked with MDOT to develop legislation for further marine terminal study in Maine.

Village Restoration - With financial assistance of a Federal Coastal Zone Management Grant in the amount of $4,880.00, plus $1,020.00 appropriated by the Town, from Surplus, at a Special Town Meeting on 9/21/78, the Town has contracted Stevens Architects of Portland to develop a downtown revitalization concept plan.

Much of Searsport's unique character derives from the historical architecture of its Village area. It is of utmost importance to the future of the Town, therefore, that we preserve that character, both to insure the local residents' pride and "sense of place" and as an attraction to tourists. And, of course, the aesthetic character of the approaches from either direction to this village area should enhance the visual image of the Town, rather than detract from it as is so often the case today.

Searsport faces a bright and prosperous future tomorrow only if we have the foresight and wherewithal to adequately plan for it today. Developing investor confidence is a key factor in any downtown revitalization plan. This Grant will prove to be the catalyst for both citizen and investor confidence.

Administrative Improvements - To answer requests for information about Searsport and keep in better touch with our Membership, your Executive Board hired a part-time secretary under contract. Kay Dawbin is a longtime resident of Searsport. She knows the Town and has had a lot of secretarial experience. She answers about 30 inquires per month on various subjects.

Sponsored Events - The Chamber sponsored the following events this year:

Fourth of July Parade: with fireworks paid for by the Town, Street Dance, and the Methodist Church Field Day.
Halloween Party: for children
Christmas Lighting Contest: Winners were; Rudder House (Residential) Homeport Inn (Commercial)

New President for Chamber - It was with deep regret that the Chamber accepted the resignation of Peter Garland as President. His deep concern for the Town of Searsport prompted this action because of his involvement with the expansion and betterment of the community. The Board elected Edward Fernands as President and prepared to select a new Vice President.

Thank You

This is your Chamber. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Heritage Bank. Meetings start at 4:00 p.m. and usually end by 6:00 p.m. If you have some things you would like to know or ideas to pass on, you are welcome to join us anytime. The Chamber is not just for the downtown merchants, it is for all. Let's have plenty of Searsport input, for a better Searsport. Thank you, fellow citizens of Searsport, for your continued interest and support of our activities.

Directors:	Mike Knox, Emily Darby, Frances Bowen
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Goodwin
Secretary:	Robert Sommers
President:	Edward Fernands

February 5, 1979

Board of Selectmen
Searsport
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and our understanding of the procedural requirements, a limited general post audit is being made of the accounts and records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 1978 and ending December 31, 1978.

We herewith submit our report consisting of such exhibits and other material required for the printing in your Town Report, together with such qualifications, analysis and recommendations consistent with requirements. Our examination is being made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly includes such tests and detailed procedures to the extent considered to be essential thereto. Although no change is anticipated, this report is subject to the limitation of time between submission for printing and the replies to our letters of verification.

Certificate

Based upon our examination and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and exhibits properly present the financial condition of the Town of Searsport, Maine as at December 31, 1978 and the results of the transactions for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Wheeler
Public Accountant
826 Union Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Comparative Balance Sheet

General Funds

Exhibit A

ASSETS

Schedule		December 31, 1978	December 31, 1977
A-1	Cash - Checking Account	$ 36,676.21	$ 23,901.83
A-1	Office Funds	100.00	100.00
A-2	General Funds Invested	100,421.05	203,011.42
A-3	Accounts Receivable	10,875.00	54,799.75
A-4	Taxes Receivable - Current	28,805.83	31,206.44
A-5	Taxes Receivable -Prior Years	8,620.83	8,622.05
A-6	Tax Lien Mortgages	5,745.54	3,832.86
A-7	Foreclosed Tax Lien Mortgages	443.95	788.55
A-8	Capital Reserves Invested	6,767.90	11,583.22
A-9	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Invested	9,010.81	11,101.26
		$207,467.12	$348,947.38

Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus

A-10	Accounts Payable	$ 8.96	$ 182.46
A-11	Due to Trust Funds	1,058.25	831.50
A-12	Capital Reserves	11,981.87	30,650.39
	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	8,198.75	8,198.75
	Title II, Public Works Employment Act of 1976	----------	33,213.00
A-13	Local Government Fund Reserve	5,165.81	210.07
A-14	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Reserve	9,010.81	11,101.26
	Prepaid 1979 Taxes	73.50	
	Inventory Tax Refund	6,368.02	
Ex. D.	Departmental Balances Forward	7,803.12	29,668.69
Ex. C.	Unappropriated Surplus	157,798.03	234,891.26
	Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus	$207,467.12	$348,947.38

Exhibit A

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Comparative Balance Sheet

Debt Fund

Assets

	December 31, 1978	December 31, 1977
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	$11,790.42	$ 17,685.60

Liabilities

Outstanding Notes - Schedule A-15	$11,790.42	$ 17,685.60

A complete post audit report will be on file at the Town Office.

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE

Exhibit D

Transactions in Departmental Accounts

For the Year Ended December 31, 1978

	Balance 12-31-77	INCOME: Local Taxation	Federal Revenue(a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	Forward
General Government											
Administration		$ 1,095.00	$20,000.00		$ 5,251.64	$ 20,962.60	$ 47,309.24	$ 43,153.12	$ 1,480.30	$ 2,675.82	
Town Officers' Salaries		430.00			$ 41.67	$ 34,100.00	34,571.67	33,286.35	600.60	684.72	
Town Clerk's Fees											
Assessing Dept.		1,650.00			2.00	12,500.00	14,152.00	14,024.78		127.22	
Renovating Union Hall	484.02	6,500.00			350.00		7,334.02	7,522.58		(188.56)	
Planning Board	830.77	200.00		3,000.00	55.50		4,086.27	3,980.05			106.22
	$ 1,314.79	$ 9,875.00	$20,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 5,700.81	$ 67,562.60	$ 107,453.20	$101,966.88	$ 2,080.90	$ 3,299.20	$ 106.22
Protection:											
Land for Public Safety Building	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,700.00					$ 7,700.00	$ 7,400.00			$ 300.00
Street Lights		9,600.00				2,000.00	11,600.00	9,586.71		2,013.29	
Fire Dept.		14,750.00	2,000.00		628.00	5,916.22	23,294.22	23,411.78		(117.56)	
North Searsport Fire Dept.		6,200.00			185.09		6,385.09	6,032.44		352.65	
Police Dept.		2,430.00	5,000.00	1,216.87	393.35	28,812.00	37,852.22	38,624.64	756.87	(1,529.29)	
Hydrant Rental		18,490.00					18,490.00	18,490.00			
Insurance		14,800.00					14,800.00	14,800.00			
Civil Emergency Preparedness	743.81	200.00		100.00			1,043.81	354.40			689.41
Joint Shellfish Conservation Program	300.00						300.00				300.00
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve		1,500.00					1,500.00		1,500.00		
North Searsport Fire Station	3,013.74				74.69	1,500.00	4,588.43	4,588.43			
New Tank Truck	27,000.00				9,067.56		36,067.56	35,788.34	279.22		
Group Life Ins.				854.57			854.57	854.57			
Police Dept. Portable Radios		2,400.00					2,400.00	2,400.00			
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve		2,000.00					2,000.00		2,000.00		
	$37,057.55	$ 74,070.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 2,171.44	$ 10,348.69	$ 38,228.22	$ 168,875.90	$162,331.31	$ 4,536.09	$ 719.09	$1,289.41

Exhibit D (Cont'd).

	INCOME							EXPENSE		BALANCES	
	Balance 12-31-77	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue(a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
Health and Sanitation:											
Health Officer		$ 150.00					$ 150.00	$ 150.00			
Other Health Services		100.00					100.00			100.00	
Mid-Coast Mental Health		487.75					487.75	487.75			
Knox-Waldo-Lincoln Community Health		130.00					130.00	130.00			
Community Alcohol Services		289.50					289.50	289.50			
Sanitary Landfill		9,310.00			4,871.84	750.00	14,931.84	13,167.15		1,764.69	
Sanitary Landfill Equipment Reserve		5,000.00			500.00		5,500.00	4,006.28			1,493.72
Sewer Department		1,000.00					1,000.00	226.73		773.27	
Ambulance Operation	1,282.61	3,800.00			516.32	3,500.00	9,098.93	7,142.66			1,956.27
Ambulance Capital Reserve						2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Plumbing Permits					691.00		691.00	829.00		(138.00)	
Sewer Facilities Planning (Step 1)	1,475.00						1,475.00	243.00			1,232.00
Sewer Line Extension and Improvement						9,010.84	9,010.84	8,131.42			879.42
Miscellaneous Health Services		510.49					510.49	510.49			
	$ 2,757.61	$ 20,777.74			$ 6,579.16	$ 15,260.84	$ 45,375.35	$ 37,313.98		$ 2,499.96	$5,561.41
Public Transportation:											
Town Roads		$ 1,200.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 2,546.89		$ 47,021.15	$ 56,768.04	$ 56,643.95		$ 124.09	
Snow Removal	(3,922.52)	18,293.52		3,629.00	64.95		18,064.95	20,041.95			(1,977.00)
Equipment	3,262.43				13,874.75		17,137.18	16,519.41	200.00		417.77
State Aid Road Construction		10,392.00					10,392.00	10,392.00			
Highway Dump Truck Purchase			15,000.00			5,250.00	20,250.00	20,249.88		.12	
New Hopper Sander Purchase		4,000.00				825.00	4,825.00	4,825.00			
Dwelley Road Reconstruction		10,000.00					10,000.00	10,000.00			
Town Wharf and Ramp	584.80	2,500.00				126.03	3,210.83	3,057.77			153.06
Municipal Garage Construction	21.15						21.15		21.15		
Town Wharf Extension and Dredging	126.03						126.03		126.03		
Town Trees Program		11,000.00			300.00		11,300.00	13,326.00		(2,026.00)	
Town Wharf Reconstruction					30,000.00	12,000.00	42,000.00	41,597.00			403.00
	$ 71.89	$ 57,385.52	$21,000.00	$ 6,175.89	$ 44,239.70	$ 65,222.18	$ 194,095.18	$196,652.96	$ 347.18	($ 1,901.79)	($1,003.17)
Cemeteries:											
General Care and Care of Trees		$ 1,700.00			173.50		1,873.50	$ 2,071.55	$ 226.75	($ 424.80)	

	Balance 12-31-77	INCOME: Local Taxation	Federal Revenue(a)	Cash Receipts State	Other	Other Credits	Total Available	EXPENSE: Cash Payments	Other Charges	BALANCES: Lapsed	Forward
Charities:											
General Charity		$ 4,200.00			$ 198.50		$ 4,398.50	$ 1,562.53		$ 2,835.97	
Central Senior Citizens Assoc.		1,160.00					1,160.00	1,160.00			
Action Committee of 50 Inc.						500.00	500.00	500.00			
		$ 5,360.00			$ 198.50	$ 500.00	$ 6,058.50	$ 3,222.53		$ 2,835.97	
Education:											
School Administrative District 56		354,861.13					354,861.13	354,861.17		(.04)	
Recreation:											
General Recreation		7,883.00			793.71	8,000.00	16,676.71	14,697.56		1,979.15	
Mosman Park-operation		1,500.00					1,500.00	974.09		525.91	
Mosman Park-chainlink baseball backstop		1,100.00					1,100.00	1,100.00			
July 4th Celebration		1,000.00			795.32		1,795.32	2,039.74		(244.42)	
Snowmobile Revenue				588.00		1,329.30	1,917.30	923.48			993.82
Tennis Court Construction	(11,309.85)			18,480.00		11,309.85	18,480.00	1,445.80	18,480.00	(1,445.80)	
Carver Memorial Library-Operation		2,300.00	500.00	279.00			3,079.00	2,472.55	50.20	556.25	
Alterations	(2,025.00)						(2,025.00)				(2,025.00)
Driveway & Parking Lot	1,801.70					50.20	1,851.90	50.20			1,801.70
	($11,533.15)	$ 13,783.00	$ 500.00	$19,347.00	$ 1,589.03	$ 20,689.35	$ 44,375.23	$ 23,703.42	$18,530.20	$ 1,371.09	$ 770.52
Debt and Interest:											
General Interest					$ 4,059.16	$ 2,507.97	$ 6,567.13		$ 19.58	$ 6,547.55	
Sewer Planning Note and Interest		6,991.68					6,991.68	6,991.65		.03	
		$ 6,991.68			$ 4,059.16	$ 2,507.97	$ 13,558.81	$ 6,991.68	$ 19.58	$ 6,547.58	
Unclassified:											
Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission		555.93					555.93	555.93			
Harbormaster		500.00					500.00	500.00			
Promoting Searsport		1,000.00				500.00	1,500.00	1,503.50		(3.50)	
Dog Officer		500.00					500.00	297.72		202.28	
Elm Street to Leach St. Right of Way		200.00					200.00	250.00		(50.00)	
L.P.W. Projects					78,123.10		78,123.10	55,053.40	24,637.63		(1,567.93)
CZM Grant				1,626.66		1,020.00	2,646.66				2,646.66
Noma Fratzel Property Demolition								3,634.00		(3,634.00)	
County Tax		5,762.50				25,000.00	30,762.50	30,762.50			
		$ 8,518.43		$ 1,626.66	$ 78,123.10	$ 26,520.00	$ 114,788.19	$ 92,557.05	$24,637.63	($ 3,485.22)	$1,078.73
Total All Departments	$29,668.69	$553,322.50	$48,500.00	$32,320.99	$151,011.65	$236,491.16	$1,051,314.99	$981,672.50	$50,378.33	$11,461.04	$7,803.12

(a) Denotes appropriation from Local Fiscal Assistance Fund.

COMMENTS

The appropriations that total $48,500.00 out of the so-called "Federal Revenue Sharing" source of income were allocated to six separate departmental accounts, all of the purposes being within the "priority" category of the original, but now eliminated, guidelines of permitted use. The receipts were deposited in full to a segregated investment account. The interest earnings of $672.55 were added to this fund.

It was noted that the temporary investment of general funds was $102,590.37 less than that at the beginning of the year. This reduction would be a normal result related to the voted appropriation from surplus of $73,500.00 at the Annual and Special Town Meetings, and in turn a decrease in the interest earnings therefrom.

Any interpretation of the term "unappropriated surplus" should include the meaning of the need for working capital, which is the outstanding reason for its existence. The year end balance of $157,798.03 or 28% ratio to the 1978 tax requirements would seem to be reasonable. Although it made no difference in the total taxation to allocate $25,000.00 from surplus towards the "county tax", this choice should not support any belief that the Town itself is being taxed, in practice the Town being the State for the collection and transmittal of this tax.

The Accounts Receivable at the beginning of the Year included necessary and substantial advances toward the capital construction projects that involve financing from Federal Funds. At the close of the year only the E.P.A. Step 1 Sewage Treatment Project advance of $10,875.00 remains on record, a normal situation in long term projects.

The number of departmental accounts (currently 72) continue to expand and would seem to include a program of a prompt and adequate attention to current problems of maintenance and correction instituted by your management. Not to be overlooked was the activity in the three major capital repairs, replacements and new construction involving Federal funds and the wharf replacement by joint participation. The long term indebtedness was reduced to $11,790.42 with only two more payments required to completely amortize the borrowing for sewer planning. In this respect it would seem to be of advantage to allow this debt to run its normal course and to carefully keep this and all other related costs of this long term project on record for the eventual and currently unpredictable computation of the Town's share when eventually completed.

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine County of Waldo

To Albert Leavitt, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Searsport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said Town, on Monday the 12th day of March A. D. 1979, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles Number 1, 2, and 3.

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Memorial Gymnasium in said Town, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the 13th day of March A. D. 1979, then and there to act on Articles number 4 through all of said Articles being set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect, by secret ballot, two (2) Selectmen for three years, a Town Clerk, three (3) School Administrative District No. 56 Directors for three years, one (1) School Administrative District No. 56 Director for one year, and nine Budget Advisory Committee members for two years.

ARTICLE 3. To vote, by secret ballot, on the following Referendum Question:

"Shall an Ordinance entitled Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Searsport, Maine be enacted?"

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of or lease, any real estate it may now have, or come into possession of, during the year by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax lien mortgages for not less than the amount unpaid, plus interest and costs, except otherwise when voted on by the Town.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State Funds which may be

received, from time to time, in the form of Grants or for any other purpose, during the period 4/1/79 to 4/1/80, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall become due and payable and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date, or act anything relative thereto.

Recommended by Municipal Officers that taxes shall be due Sept. 1, 1979 and that two thirds percent per month or part thereof be charged after Sept. 30, 1979.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $668.00 and appropriate $22,500.00 from Surplus and $23,000.00 from F. R. S.

Selectmen (SEL) voted 5-0 and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) voted 7-0 to raise $668.00 and appropriate $22,500.00 from Surplus and $23,000.00 From F.R.S.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Officers for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $5,991.00 and appropriate $35,000.00 from Surplus, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 6-1 to raise $5,991.00 and appropriate $35,000.00 from Surplus, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Assessing Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $5,971.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 5-1-1 abs. to raise $5,971.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Insurance for the ensuing year, or

act anything relative thereto.

Requested $21,900.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $21,900.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,500.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Carver Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,650.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $4,650.00.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $555.93

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $555.93.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus toward the payment of the Waldo County Tax Assessment for 1979, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $20,000.00 (from Surplus)

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Police Department for the ensuing year. These funds may be used to match Federal Funds under the provisions of the Safe Streets Act, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $22,680.00, appropriate $19,800.00 from F.R.S., with $500.00 to come from Court fees.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 4-4 to approve the Department Budget with the elimination of $1,950.00 for (summer) Traffic Officer position, and thus to raise $22,680.00, appropriate $17,850.00 from F.R.S., with $500.00 to come from Court fees.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for the future purchase of a new cruiser, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $1,500.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a new police cruiser and to authorize the additional use of $3,000.00 in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for this purpose, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,200.00 (From F.R.S.) and to utilize $3,000.00 from Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for this purpose.

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to appropriate $3,200.00 from F.R.S. and utilize $3,000.00 from Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for this purpose.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $13,100.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $13,100.00

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purchase of a 4WD Pickup for the Searsport Fire Department and to authorize the additional use of $2,000.00 in the Capital Reserve Fire Equipment Account for this purpose, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,000.00 (from F.R.S.) and to utilize $2,000.00 from Capital Reserve Fire Equipment Account for this purpose.

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-1 abs. to appropriate $4,000.00 from F.R.S. and utilize $2,000.00 from Capital Reserve Fire Equipment Account for this purpose.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the North Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $5,850.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $5,850.00

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operation of the Ambulance (continuing account) for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,300.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 8-0 to raise $3,300.00

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Ambulance Account for the future purchase of a new Ambulance, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00 (from Surplus)

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to appropriate $2,500.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Hydrant Rental for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $19,490.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 7-0 to raise $19,490.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Street Lights for the ensuing year, to include relocations, changes, and additions to the present street lighting facilities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $11,000.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $11,000.00.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to install Mercury street lights as follows:

1. On pole number 4 (CMP) on Mosman Street
2. At the southerly end of Water Street

(The above are by request)

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Civil Defense for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $200.00

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Sanitary Landfill for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $9,332.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 5-2 to raise $9,332.00

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, to be invested in a Sanitary Landfill Equipment Reserve Account for the future purchase of a Crawler-Loader, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $2,500.00.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Sewer Maintenance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $500.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for payment and interest on the Sewer Planning notes, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,626.19

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $6,626.19.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Human Services for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested:

Health Officer	$ 150.00
Other Health Services	100.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	364.00
Kno-Wal-Lin Comm. Health	364.00
Comm. Alcohol Services	292.50
Central Senior Citizens	1,160.00
	$2,430.50

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $2,430.50.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Welfare for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,000.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $3,000.00.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested as Follows:

Uniforms	$ 900.00
Utilities	4,100.00
Garage Maintenance	1,500.00
Cutting Bushes	2,000.00
General Road Maintenance	21,000.00
Calcium	650.00
Resh Road	2,500.00
Cains Pond Road Rebuilding	2,500.00
Tarring and Patching	18,000.00
Sidewalks	5,000.00
Street Cleaning	600.00
Culverts	1,200.00
	$59,950.00

Requested from Excise Tax $55,000.00

Raise 4,950.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to appropriate $55,000.00 from Excise Tax and raise $4,950.00.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to provide sidewalk plowing of Town sidewalks on both sides of U. S. Route 1 during the winter months, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $18,371.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $18,371.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for State Aid Road Construction, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $12,786.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $12,786.00.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the installation of two (2) hydrants on Porter Street, in conjunction with the laying of approximately 2,000 feet of new 6" water main along said street by the Searsport Water District, and vote to raise $750.00 as 1979's Hydrant Rental Fee for these two (2) hydrants (6 months only), or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $750.00

SEL and BAC did not consider this Article.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate*$49,873.00 as the Town's net share of Step II Sewerage Facilities Design costs and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for additional funding from the (Maine) DEP and EPA, or act anything relative thereto.

*This figure may be lowered prior to 3/13/79 upon receipt of EPA approval to do so.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Trees Program for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $8,300.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $8,300.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Union Hall repairs, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $3,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $3,500.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $8,095.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from F. R. S.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 6-2 abs. to raise $8,095.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Town Wharf, parking area, floats and boat ramps for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $4,500.00.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance of Mosman Park for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,200.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,200.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Harbormaster Account for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 8-0 to raise $500.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Promoting Searsport, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $2,500.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for maintenance in the cemeteries for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,500.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for July 4th celebration activities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,800.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $1,800.00.

ARTICLE 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Dog Officer Account, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $500.00

ARTICLE 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for construction of a Downtown Parking Lot (behind Bud's Grocery and Searsport Drug), or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $13,940.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 7-0 to raise $13,940.00.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish written rules and regulations governing the issuing, suspension, and revocation of Special Amusements Permits, in accordance with MRSA Title 28, Section 702.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a sum not to exceed $3,000.00 from Expendible income in the Annie Partridge Trust Fund for the installation of new, and repairs to existing, 3' high galvanized chain link fencing (including gates) along all four sides of Evergreen Cemetery.

SEL unanimously recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts to be held in trust, and the income to be used toward perpetual care of cemetery lots, all as shown in the following schedule, or act anything relative thereto.

Donor	Amount	Lot	Cemetery
Elmer Dean	$100.00	312A	Village
Pearley B. Seekins	100.00	160A	Evergreen
Oscar & Sarah Levesque	50.00	316A	Village
Gilbert M. White	200.00	65	Elmwood

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road (old U.S. 1) leading easterly from Kidder Road to its intersection with U. S. 1, as a follow-up to an affirmative vote to do so on 3/14/67.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate $500.00 as a financial contribution to the Town of Swanville to help defray a portion of legal expenses incurred by that Town in their efforts to control the water level of Swan Lake, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

The Polls for voting on Article 1, 2, and 3 will be open at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 7:00 in the afternoon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Monday, March 12, 1979 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, this 6th day of February A. D. 1979.

/s/ Bruce Mills
/s/ Lionel L. Merrill, Jr.
/s/ Charles Blanchard
/s/ Frances Bowen
/s/ Donald Ruttenberg

Selectmen of Town of Searsport

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	- Dog Tax Due - Fiscal year commences
March 12-13	- Annual Town Meeting
April 1	- All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1. Owners must bring in list of property to assessor to be eligible to make claim for abatement.
October 1	- Interest begins on unpaid taxes
December 31	- Fiscal year closes

TOWN TELEPHONES

Town Office	548-6372
Fire Department - Searsport	548-2900
Fire Department - North Searsport	548-2920
Police (weekdays)	548-6372
(nights and weekends)	338-2040
Water District	548-2910
Town Garage	548-2821
Ambulance	548-2900

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1979

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lionel Merrill, Jr., Chairman	Donald Ruttenberg
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TOWN OFFICERS

Peter A. Garland	Town Manager
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Daniel C. Rich	Forest Fire Warden
Gustave Szabronski	Plumbing Inspector
W. C. Wheeler	Auditor
Mornita Roberts	Civil Defense Director
Craig B. Hall	Police Chief & Constable
Roland Bragdon	Dog Constable
Ruby D. Wood	Registrar of Voters
Daniel C. Rich	Harbormaster
Marjorie Maddocks	Health Officer
James H. York, Sr.	Ambulance Director

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Peter A. Garland	Mary Page Worth
Mike Ellis	Dana Dudley

SEARSPORT PLANNING BOARD

Robert A. Clark, Sr.	Term Expires 1984
John Merrithew	Term Expires 1983
William Worth	Term Expires 1982
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Bruce Probert	Term Expires 1980
Randolph P. Dominic	Alternate
Elizabeth Goodwin	Alternate

SEARSPORT BOARD OF APPEALS

Willis Blake	5 years	Elmore Andrews	4 years
Leroy A. Moody	5 years	Catherine Andrews	1 year
Ralph Rowe, Sr.	4 years		

TOWN OFFICERS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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John Barry
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Chris Francis
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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Searsport:

It is my distinct pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Town for 1979. I am pleased to report that, in spite of the precariousness of the times, the general financial condition of the Town is still very good. Now it behooves each and every one of us to make sure that it stays this way. At year's end, we had a cash balance of approximately $20,000.00, with $60,000.00 invested in a short-term note, and all bills paid.

Because of the runaway, unrelenting inflation rate which we are faced with, our dilemma is to generate an ever-increasing amount of tax dollars to maintain the same level of services. Standard remedies are to cut services, raise the tax rate, expand the tax base through residential and industrial growth, or a combination of all three of these. The cutting services and increasing taxes routes, however, can very quickly be utilized to a point where they become counterproductive, creating undue hardship for everyone. Then, too, there is the added problem of communities finding themselves so short of cash, particularly at year's end, that they are unable to pay off their debts, which is usually manifested by default on tax anticipation loans. Saco is the latest city to join a growing list of Maine communities (Lisbon, Old Orchard Beach, Rockland, and Stockton Springs, to name a few) which have been "caught" in this bind.

To make certain that our house stays in its present good order, I offer the following ten suggestions for your serious consideration.

1. Guard our "Surplus"! An ideal level to maintain would be double the amount of current uncollected taxes at the previous year's end, with a bottom level of no less than 125% of that amount.

2. Maintain accurate, up-to-date tax assessment records and maps. Our Assessing Department is the "heart and soul" of the whole municipal "body". Acceptance by the Town of the Single Assessor concept in early 1975 has proven to be one of the best moves the Town has made in recent years.

3. Maintain an aggressive property tax collection policy. We can take pride in the fact that our average (for several years) collection rate has been over 92% in each year that the taxes have been due, but Delta Chemical's refusal to pay their 1979

taxes on time last fall should have taught us all a lesson and serve as an important warning. Had one or two more of our largest taxpayers joined Delta in not paying their taxes by the 10/1/79 deadline, then, we too might have had to default on our tax anticipation loan.

4. Raise our present 8% penalty rate for late taxes to at least 12% (the maximum rate allowed by State Law is currently 18%!).

5. Maintain an active investment program, keeping all idle Town funds "busy", especially during this period of high interest rates. From the $13,424.53 earned from investments last year, we paid out $5,750.00 in interest charges on our tax anticipation loan, with a balance of $7,674.53 left over to go into Surplus.

6. Borrow only when absolutely necessary to finance long-term capital investments and avoid, at all costs, borrowing to finance current operational or maintenance expenses. Next June, the last of our old sewer planning notes will be paid off, leaving us debt free for the moment at least. We are committed to borrowing the Town's share of Step II Sewer Planning (final design) and, of course, we must borrow to finance the Town's portion of construction costs of our new secondary sewage treatment system in late 1981 or '82.

7. Purchase replacement equipment as needed. To postpone doing so is self-defeating, as it will cost the taxpayers more in the long run.

8. Maintain Reserve Accounts by annual increments for inevitable future capital purchases (i.e., ambulance, police cruiser, fire equipment).

9. Become equally as knowledgeable and vigilant regarding financial operations of MSAD No. 56 and the County as you are of the Town. After all, **75¢ of each tax dollar** last year was directly handed over to these two institutions!

10. Don't panic! Things are bound to get better sooner or later, and Sears Island will not remain vacant forever. Decreasing the level of municipal services solely as a temporary economy move now could prove to be self-defeating in the long run, as it would have an adverse effect on our industrial development efforts. Good roads, police and fire protection, education and recreation are all equally as important as available industrial

land and/or buildings as relocation incentives to industries.

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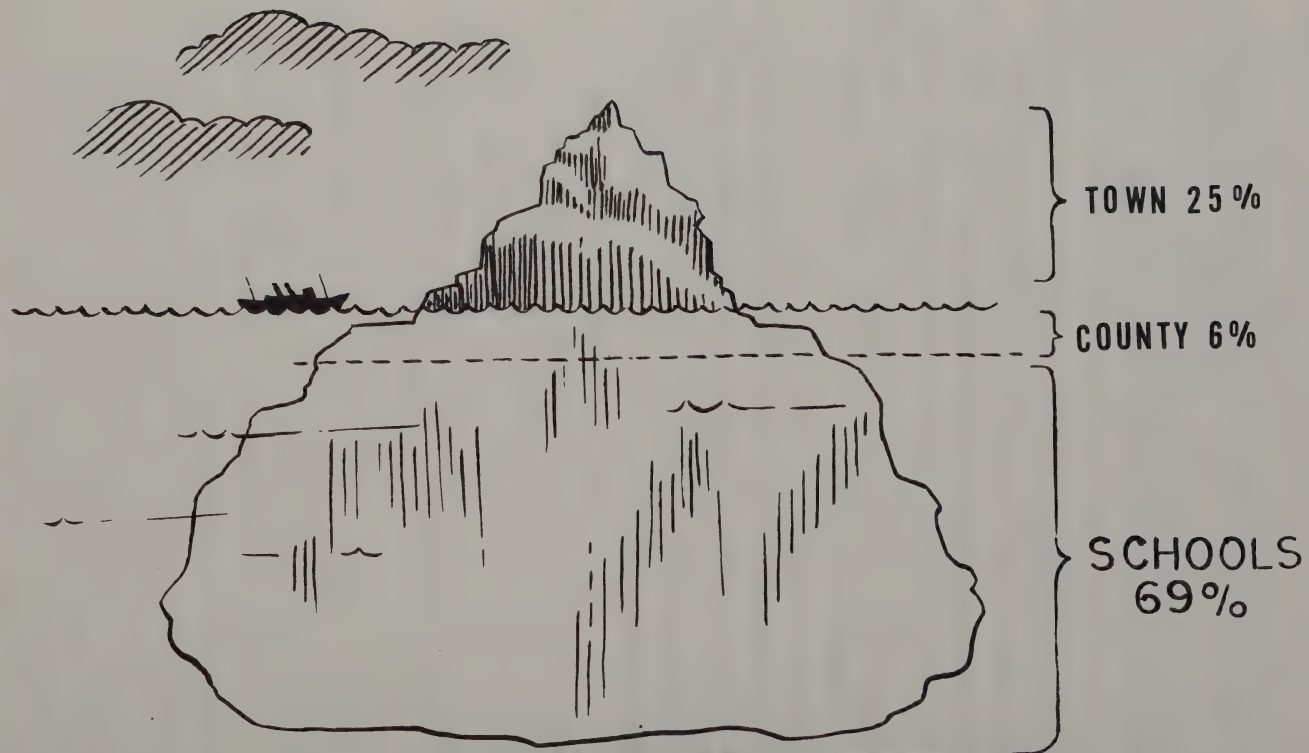
Unfortunately, our unblemished five year record of no tax increases fell by the wayside in 1979, with an average increment of approximately 15% due to inflation-related cost increases. It is interesting to compare the reactions of the three levels of government (Federal, State, and local) to the continuously deflating dollar. The "Feds" simply increase the National Debt Limit and keep the money printing presses rolling (and thus, of course, adding fuel to the fire!), and the State either sells more bonds or blithely takes it away from its cities and towns under the guise of "no tax increases". We cannot print money at the local level, however, and we have no one else to take it away from but ourselves. We will see this thing through and will not fail, nevertheless, as long as we remain united in our efforts to preserve our community for generations to come.

In closing, I would like once again to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen, all of my fellow Town employees, Members of our various Boards and Commissions, and each individual citizen for their cooperation and assistance during this past year. I am personally very proud of the small role that I played in this gigantic team effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Garland
Town Manager



1979 APPROPRIATIONS
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1980
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING
AND SURPLUS FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

Federal Revenue Sharing		1980
General Government		$22,000.00
Recreation		10,000.00
4 WD Pickup for P.W.D.		8,000.00
	Total	$40,000.00

Surplus		
General Government		$20,000.00
Town Officers		25,000.00
Assessing Department		10,000.00
Ambulance Reserve		-0-
	Total	$55,000.00

1980 TOWN BUDGET
COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Category	1979 Total Appropriations	1979 Actual Expenditures	1980 Proposed Appropriations		Increase or Decrease
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
General Government	$ 46,168.00	$ 45,271.43	$ 47,721.00	+	$ 1,553.00
Town Officers	41,091.00	40,834.50	42,679.00	+	1,588.00
Assessing Department	15,471.00	15,202.14	16,106.00	+	635.00
Insurance	21,900.00	19,949.62	19,900.00	–	2,000.00
Planning Board	1,500.00	942.58	- 0 -	–	1,500.00
Library	4,650.00	4,184.26	4,600.00	–	50.00
Pen. Valley Reg. Plg. Com.	555.93	555.93	555.93		
PROTECTION					
Police Department	41,030.00	35,559.48	40,084.00	–	946.00
Searsport Fire Department	13,100.00	12,573.95	11,775.00	–	1,325.00
North Searsport Fire Dept.	5,850.00	4,375.16	5,400.00	–	450.00
Ambulance	3,300.00	4,236.95	4,300.00	+	1,000.00
Hydrant Rental	20,240.00	20,240.00	27,102.50	+	6,862.50
Street Lights	11,000.00	10,829.66	12,500.00	+	1,500.00
Civil Defense	200.00	520.84	200.00		
HEALTH & SANITATION					
Sanitary Landfill	14,813.00	14,129.44	14,527.00	–	286.00
Sewer Maintenance	500.00	31.65	300.00	–	200.00

1980 Town Budget Comparative Summary (cont.):

Category	1979 Total Appropriations	1979 Actual Expenditures	1980 Proposed Appropriations		Increase or Decrease
HEALTH & SANITATION (cont.):					
Sewer Planning & Interest	$ 6,626.19	$ 6,626.18	$ 6,352.74	--	$ 273.45
Human Services	2,430.50	2,330.50	2,430.00	--	.50
Welfare	3,000.00	2,850.87	5,000.00	+	2,000.00
HIGHWAYS & TREES					
Town Roads	59,950.00	60,409.06	65,815.00	+	5,865.00
State Aid Road Construction	12,786.00	12,786.00	12,786.00		
Winter Roads	22,000.00	17,915.68	16,500.00	--	5,500.00
Town Tree Program	9,100.00	7,934.94	2,000.00	--	7,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS					
Union Hall Remodeling	3,500.00	3,413.71	1,900.00	--	1,600.00
Recreation	18,095.00	17,588.14	16,948.00	--	1,147.00
Town Wharf	4,500.00	1,644.69	1,800.00	--	2,700.00
Mosman Park	1,200.00	863.98	1,100.00	--	100.00
Harbormaster	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Promoting Searsport	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,600.00	--	900.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	--	100.00
July 4th Celebration	1,800.00	1,800.00	900.00	--	900.00
Dog Officer & Animal Shelter	500.00	299.42	800.00	+	300.00
Financial Assistance to Swanville (Legal)	500.00	500.00	- 0 -	--	500.00

1980 Town Budget Comparative Summary (cont.):

Category	1979 Total Appropriations	1979 Actual Expenditures	1980 Proposed Appropriations	Increase or Decrease
CAPITAL OUTLAY & RESERVE ACCTS.				
Police Cruiser Reserve	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$
1979 Police Cruiser Purchase	3,200.00	3,200.00	- 0 -	-- 3,200.00
Tank Truck (Fire) Reserve	- 0 -	(2,000.00)	- 0 -	
4 WD Pickup for S.F.D.	4,000.00	4,000.00	- 0 -	-- 4,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Downtown Parking Lot Const.	13,940.00	9,259.84	- 0 -	-- 13,940.00
S.L.F. Equipment Reserve	3,000.00	2,787.07	10,000.00	+ 7,000.00
4 WD ¾-Ton Pickup for P.W.D.	- 0 -	- 0 -	8,000.00	+ 8,000.00
Forced Hot Air System for S.F.D.	- 0 -	- 0 -	5,000.00	+ 5,000.00
Funds for Renovating Town Whf.	- 0 -	- 0 -	4,500.00	+ 4,500.00
Recon. Approx. 2500' Black Rd.	- 0 -	- 0 -	15,000.00	+ 15,000.00
Sub-Totals	$419,996.62	$394,147.67	$432,082.17	+ $12,085.55
LESS CREDITS & RESERVES				
Federal Revenue Sharing	$ 58,050.00	$ 58,050.00	$ 40,000.00	-- $18,050.00
Unappropriated Surplus	69,500.00	69,500.00	55,000.00	-- 14,500.00
Searsport Water District	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Stockton Springs	5,981.00	5,725.30	9,075.00	+ 3,094.00
Excise Tax	55,000.00	55,000.00	64,000.00	+ 9,000.00
Maine Court Fees	500.00	802.67	- 0 -	-- 500.00
Trees (State)	800.00	2,870.00	- 0 -	-- 800.00
Snow Removal (State)	3,629.00	3,629.00	3,629.00	
Sub-Totals	$193,560.00	$195,676.97	$171,804.00	-- $21,756.00
To Be Raised By Taxation	$ 226,436.62	$ 198,470.70	$ 260,278.17	+ $33,841.55
				= 85¢ / $1,000

ANALYSIS OF 1979 TAXES

Where the Tax Dollar Comes From

Assessed Value:		
Land	$10,414,850.00	
Buildings	25,701,380.00	
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	3,429,640.00	
Business Furniture & Fixtures	32,480.00	
Watercraft	69,680.00	
Miscellaneous	61,350.00	
	$39,593,330.00	
Tax Rate of $16.00 per Thousand	x .0160	
To Be Raised By Taxation		$635,301.76

Where the Tax Dollar Goes

Municipal Appropriations	$ 226,436.62	
County Tax	36,679.50	
Schools	438,721.88	
		$701,838.00
Balance from Surplus, Supplemental & State		$ 66,536.24

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Once again it was my painful duty to adjust property assessments to reflect the increased market value of real estate. As was stated last year, it will be necessary to perform these updates frequently, perhaps as often as every two years. To do otherwise would permit our ratio of market value to assessed value to regress to a point where it would be virtually impossible to maintain the present degree of equity that we enjoy. Our 1979 Quality Rating is 12 which by State Standards is considered above average.

Building permits issued during the period 4/1/79 to 1/31/80 are as follows: 9 residential for $231,130, 2 Seasonal for $10,000, 8 Garages for $34,660, 4 Commercial for $48,000, and one Industrial for $53,000.

As the preceding statistics show, our growth rate has slowed in sharp contrast to the steady and substantial growth we displayed for several years, a growth that was reflected in a very favorable tax rate. We still can boast of a smaller tax load than most comparable municipalities and the promise remains that a resurgence in industrial activity will soon reoccur.

The Harbor and Sears Island developments are comparable to the Genie and the magic lamp, just waiting to be released by the right combination of circumstances. Any one of these potential developments will have a tremendous effect on Searsport's valuation and result in a substantial decrease in the Tax Rate.

The following statistics emphasize the importance to the average taxpayer of having a strong commercial and industrial base. Of the total amount raised by taxation in 1979:

9 Taxpayers paid	$270,739.68	42.6%
43 Taxpayers paid	64,851.04	10.2
1,004 Taxpayers paid	299,711.04	47.2
1,056 Taxpayers paid	$635,301.76	100%

These figures show that less than 5% of the taxpayers pay more than 50% of the taxes collected, a balance that is a boon to the average homeowner and mutually beneficial to the relatively few large taxpayers. These also demonstrate the advantage to our welfare of continuing the strong effort being made by our Town Manager in the development of Searsport's port facilities and Sears Island.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Howard Ruben, Assessor

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1980

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 706, the Assessor of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine, hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality, that the Assessor's Office is open daily from Monday through Friday and will also be open the evening of April 15 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of revising lists of the estates, taxable in said Municipality.

RESIDENT OWNERS

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc., of all estates taxable in said municipality of such persons are hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April, 1980, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law to pay the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

PERSONS DOOMED

And any person who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the ASSESSOR for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

Blank schedules have been printed on the center pages of this report.

/s/ Howard Ruben, Assessor

Date Posted, March 1980

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY
1980

Assessors in every Maine municipality shall list in the town report, or cause to be published in the local newspaper, the real estate property tax exemptions of institutions and organizations as defined in Title 36, section 652, and the real estate property tax exemptions of Federal, State, and Municipal governments, and along with the municipal valuation of the exempted property, the tax that would be levied on said property if it were not tax exempt. Cemeteries and houses of religious worship, but not other properties owned by a religious society, shall be exempted from these requirements.

Real Estate		Map	Lot	Tax that would be levied if not tax exempt
10,660	Historical Society	12	26	$ 170.56
17,080	Town of Searsport Gravel Pit & Dump	2	46	237.60
35,000	Fire Station, N.S.	5	40A	560.00
170	Land, Town	5	49A	2.72
100,000	Land & Town Wharf	12	75	1,600.00
22,660	Fire Station	16	26	362.56
58,690	Town Hall	16	44	939.04
1,115.	Land & Equip. Site	2	63A	17.84
64,970	Land & Highway Garage	2	20A	1,039.52
1,240	Land	11	16	17.28
15,210	Land	11	17	211.68
1,830	Land	11	15A	29.28
1,912,580	U.S. Government	7	51	30,601.28
60,470	WCCSA (Brick School)	15	38	967.52
1,548,200	MSAD-Elem., Jr. High, High Schools	17	16	24,771.21
50,420	MSAD-Central School	16	42	806.72
3,840	MSAD-Parking Lot	16	37A	61.44
4,680	MSAD-Parking Lot	2	99	74.88
180,280	State of Maine	1	36	2,884.48
22,180	State of Maine	1	37	354.88
61,280	State of Maine	1	38	980.48
12,420	State of Maine	7	70	198.72
37,810	Searsport Lions Club	2	17C	604.96
52,680	Searsport Water Dist.	2	19	842.88

3,450	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	19&18	$ 55.20
4,510	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	14	72.16
3,450	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	25&26	55.20
2,590	Searsport Water Dist.	5	57A	41.44
1,730	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	39	27.68
3,450	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	60E&63E	55.20
13,960	Searsport Water Dist.	6	69	223.36
259,200	Searsport Water Dist.			
	Right of Ways, Mains			4,147.20
12,880	Searsport Water Dist.	5	67	206.08
560	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	29	8.96
1,730	Searsport Water Dist.	5A	32	27.68
7,050	Searsport Water Dist.	5	59	112.80
75,600	Mosman Park	12	55&56	1,209.60
2,190	Carver Memorial Library	12	96	35.04
64,280	Carver Memorial Library	16	40	1,028.48
4,300	Penob. Marine Museum	16	13	68.80
40,040	Penob. Marine Museum	16	14	640.64
30,220	Penob. Marine Museum	16	23	483.52
20,480	Penob. Marine Museum	16	22	327.68
35,320	Penob. Marine Museum	16	24	565.12
26,960	Penob. Marine Museum	16	25	431.36
20,900	Cong. Parsonage	13	33	334.40
16,240	Cong. Vestry	16	12	259.84
17,000	Methodist Parsonage	12	23	272.00
5,890	Full Gospel	12	1	94.94
21,170	Full Gospel	12	2	338.72
2,120	Full Gospel	6	39	33.92
1,200	Full Gospel	7	116	19.20
3,510	Full Gospel	7	117	56.16
13,520	Granite Grange Hall	5	37	216.32
8,530	Community Benefit Club	7	96	136.48
1,700	Boy Scouts of America	7	12	27.20
41,260	Masonic & Odd Fellows	12	9	660.16
10,120	Christian Center	5	44	161.92

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance, December 31, 1978			$ 36,676.21

Receipts

Collection of Taxes:		
1979	$589,913.96	
1978	16,324.45	
1977	75.34	
1976	11.99	
1975	7.98	
1974	16.20	
		$606,349.92
Excise Taxes		63,967.35
Tax Liens:		
1978	6,230.08	
1977	5,511.33	
Foreclosed	345.86	
		12,087.27
Temporary Loans		200,000.00
Inventory Tax Refund		27,982.88
Revenue Sharing:		
Federal	54,995.00	
State	23,127.42	
		78,122.42
Withheld Employee Funds	8,634.86	
Payroll Contra Funds	8,634.86	
		17,269.72
Investments Cashed:		
General Funds	800,000.00	
Federal Revenue Sharing	58,050.00	
		858,050.00
Advances from Trust Funds		37,000.00
Accounts Receivable		4,900.00
Tree Growth Tax Law Refund		4.95
Operating Accounts:		
State of Maine	21,173.90	
Other Sources	49,751.03	
		70,924.93

Total Receipts			$1,976,659.44
Total Available			2,013,335.65

Disbursements

Summary of Operating Accounts		$917,431.98	
Investments:			
General Funds	$760,000.00		
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	54,995.00		
		814,995.00	
Temporary Loans Paid		200,000.00	
Trust Fund Advances Returned		37,000.00	
Employee Funds Transmitted	8,796.66		
Payroll Contra Funds	8,796.66		
		17,593.32	
Tax Refunds		119.99	
Total Disbursements			1,987,140.29
Cash Balance — December 31, 1979			$ 26,195.26

1979 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Alpendorf Realty **	$ 1,238.24
Ashey, Leland & Linda	539.04
Ashey, Ronald & Carolyn	113.76
'Atupuha Taungatua, Shiela	90.88
Allen, Renee	166.40
Ashey, Terrance	7.04
Banks, William & Mary	674.24
Barlow, Paula Sambrook	125.44
Barlow, Louise	66.88
Berry, George & Wilma	102.56
Berry, Richard	56.48
Birgfeld, Douglas & Brenda **	636.96
Bishop, Gerald & Charlotte	381.28
Black, David & Lorna	8.00
Blake, Charles & Virginia	58.56
Blake, Geneva M.	23.04
Bowen, Carl L.	96.92
Bragdon, William & Ethlyn Reed	26.56
Brochu, Robert W.	190.24
Brown, Glenn	206.40
Brown, Julia Heirs	25.44
Brown, Vance	136.32
Beaudry, John	160.00
Bean, Gregory	70.40
Chamberlain, Albert & Joyce	236.96
Chuprevich, Joseph	125.44
Clements, Esther	129.84
Cogswell, David	30.40
Cogswell, James *	40.20
Colby, Laurence & Marie **	141.60
Cogswell, John & Arolin	195.20
Comer, Cary & Sonja	326.24
Cook, Baxter	311.04
Cook, Edwin & Ramona	85.92
Cook, Ronald	125.44
Cook, Wesley	174.56
Corbin, Armand	95.04
Corbin, Claude P.	276.64
Curtis, Cameron & Pamela	170.96
Dakin, Lee & Rose	280.16

1979 Uncollected Taxes (cont.):

Dehmlow, Ervin	$ 114.24
DeSalvo, Pearl	62.72
Dominic, Randolph & Elizabeth	400.96
Donaldson, Thomas W.	18.40
Dudley, Esther E.	31.68
Dyer, Roland	81.92
Ellsmore, Norman Jr.	113.28
Elwell, Ralph & Helen **	16.00
Faulkingham, Joan & Frederick **	168.32
Floyd, Renworth & Barbara **	44.48
Fongeallaz, Richard & Valerie **	28.48
Forrest, Leverne	252.48
Fraser, Clair T.	338.08
Fratzel, Noma P.	24.80
Frohock, Stephen	506.88
Gale, Elmore & Shirley	18.24
Gallant, Dana **	102.72
Glidden, Basil & June	497.44
Glidden, Richard & Julie **	94.08
Glidden, Wayne A.	18.40
Graham, Thomas & Margaret	573.60
Grant, Joseph C. **	245.44
Grant, Kenneth & Janet	450.08
Grant, Milford	467.84
Grant, Vernon & Natalie *	28.69
Hamilton, C.H. & Son, Inc.	638.08
Hamilton, Wesley & Joan	787.84
Harvey, Kenneth & Sonya	154.08
Harvey, Cleve & Marilyn	96.32
Hathaway, Donna	249.44
Herdade, Larry J.	47.84
Hersom, Myron & Carol	279.68
Hodgdon, Jeanie W.	1,136.48
Holmes, Mrs. Leroy	24.80
Howard, Rickey & Jackie	491.52
Hoyt, Richard D.	396.48
Hurd, Howard & Charlotte	93.60
Jettinghoff, J. & Pauline	580.16
Jewell, Denna	103.04
Johnson, Dr. Fred & Edith	738.08

Kalis, Stanley	$ 1,146.24
Kenney, George A.	128.64
Kenney, Irvin & Marilyn	632.80
Kinney, Kenneth Max	216.32
Kinney, Max & Iva	1,588.48
Knowlton, Roland & Sarah	170.72
Knuuti, Harold & Marjorie	5.12
Krienke, Dale & Patricia	376.48
Lambeth, Alice	63.36
Lambeth, Carl	102.72
Lanpher, Donna & Warren	287.20
Larson, Russell & Patricia	246.72
Leach, Glenn	80.00
Leavitt, George D.	4.00
Leavitt, Wayne M.	3.20
Lloyd, Alice	18.36
Lockhart, Wallace	171.36
Long, Sylvia **	534.72
Lord, Janet & Deborah Lovejoy	293.76
Lovejoy, Deborah	28.00
Mackenzie, Barbara	140.32
Magnum Oil Company	716.16
Machinsky, Leonard	92.48
Mercer, Robert & Bonnie	177.44
Moody, Frederick *	88.36
Moore, Earl Sr. & Ruth	100.48
Morin, Leo J. & Hilda M.	91.36
Morin, Steve	111.20
Munro, Richard & Priscilla	102.24
Murphy, Gerald & Joline	378.24
McGowan, John	259.20
Nickerson, Annie	202.72
Nickerson, Elmer & Sarah	170.56
Nickerson, Harry	130.40
Nickerson, Raymond & Judith	128.00
Nickerson, Robert M.	56.80
Nickerson, Tilden	157.92
Noble, Jerry & Patricia	747.52
O'Brien, Dennis	76.00
O'Brien, Virgil	24.00
Oldemeyer, Robert & Joann	254.61
Opdahl, Marie	5.60

1979 Uncollected Taxes (cont.):

Parker, George H. & Patricia E.	$ 491.68
Payson, Ronald & June	130.72
Peaco, Gordon L. & June M.	565.92
Peak, Harold Jr. & Darlene	93.60
Peasley, Michael E. & Ruth A.	190.08
Pendergast, David G. & Barbara A.	6.24
Perkins, Elmer & Agnes	330.24
Perkins, Marion	92.48
Perry, Joseph & Lorraine Haynes	938.72
Philbrick, Basil Mrs.	146.40
Philbrick, Roderick **	102.88
Pomeroy, Hugh Jr.	13.12
Pease, Donald & Melvina	190.24
Reed, Willis	89.60
Retirement Homes, Inc. **	1,876.32
Reynolds, O.C.	290.24
Rigby, William & Deborah	124.00
Rivers, Almon **	494.88
Robbins, Barbara	344.00
Robbins, William & Joyce	156.32
Roberts, Gary & Barbara	312.80
Roberts, Mornita	156.08
Robinson, Dexter Jr. **	209.92
Rooney, Leslie R. & Marian	117.28
Russell, George M. & Beverly L.	344.00
Rutherford, Ruth	63.36
Sambrook, Inez Heirs	60.48
Sambrook, Leroy A. & Mary R.	4.96
Sambrook, Mary	11.36
Savage, Edwin & Marjorie *	502.24
Seekins, Berdena	68.48
Seekins, David & Laura	535.04
Seekins, Leroy B. & Bonnie J.	147.36
Seekins, Robert & Shirley	154.40
Sheldon, Jan H. & Denise Y.	672.96
Smith, Gloria	347.84
Smith, Judy	41.48
Smith, Roger & Beverly	410.88
Sprague, James & Joyce **	166.56
Staples, David **	413.76

1979 Uncollected Taxes (cont.):

Stover, Lloyd	$ 163.52
Swift, Fredda	578.08
Sylvester, Danny	92.48
Sylvester, David	6.24
Sylvester, Lloyd *	173.28
Tenney, Emery T.	14.72
Thompson, Richard & Roberta	343.36
Tracy, Harold & Roberta	119.72
Trask, Richard & Elsie	12.96
Tripp, Larry	114.40
Varney, George & Sarah **	184.32
Walker, Joan	51.68
Ward, Clarence & Rayneta	130.08
Ward, Clarence Jr. & Karen	181.76
Ward, Douglas	381.76
Ward, Wendy	2.50
Whitcomb, Roland **	177.12
Whitcomb, Roland & Stanley Sullivan **	179.68
White, Martha	318.24
Williams, Ralph	280.80
Wing, Elton & Mary Ellen	177.60
Wolley, Phillip E. & Patricia S. **	451.52
Yates, James W. & Virginia	110.24
Yeaton, Richard & Florence	74.88
Young, Thomas	34.40
Young, Victor & Monica	110.08
Harriman, Marshall	32.00
Supplemental	
Fratzel, Noma P.	3,634.00
Sidelinger, Fred	30.40
Cobb, William Heirs	206.24
	$48,550.20

** Paid in full
* Partial Payment

1978 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Black, David & Lorna	$ 9.00
Kinney, Max & Iva	17.25
O'Brien, Virgil	11.25
Rezendes, Richard G.	37.50
Verrill, James & William	6.75
	$ 81.75

1977 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Chuprevich, Joseph	$ 4.13
Curtis, Damon	6.83
Kinney, Max	18.28
O'Brien, Virgil	3.18
Pomeroy, Stephen	5.56
Ruhlin, Donald	1.59
Tripp, Larry	5.24
Supplemental Tax	
Lanpher, Donna & Warren	122.67
	$ 167.48

1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Curtis, Damon	$ 8.80
O'Brien, Virgil	4.10
Verrill, James & William	9.23
	$ 22.13
Inventory Tax	
Verrill, James & William	$ 123.50

1975 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Barnes, Dana	$ 3.78
Chuprevich, Joseph	5.46
Curtis, Damon	4.20
Koppel, George	10.50
Verrill, James	9.45
	$ 33.39

1975 Uncollected Taxes (cont.):

Inventory Tax

Koppel, George	$ 11.25
Verrill, James	117.00
	$ 128.25

1974 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Chuprevich, Joseph	$ 7.02
Curtis, Damon	5.40
Penobscot Shores	46.25
	$ 58.67

1973 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Chuprevich, Joseph	$ 8.32

1972 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Curtis, Damon	$ 7.40
Magnum Oil	3,980.09
	$ 3,987.49

1971 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Magnum Oil	$ 3,980.09

** Paid in full
* Partial Payment

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Garland
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Searsport:

Vital Statistics:

Marriages recorded	35
Births recorded	19
Deaths recorded	20

Dog Licenses issued:

Male dogs	138
Spayed female dogs	132
Female dogs	34
Kennels	1

Hunting & Fishing Licenses issued:

Combinations	186
Resident Hunting	295
Resident Fishing	169
Junior Hunting	82
Serviceman's Combination	3
Archery Licenses	13
Pheasant Stamps	10
Duplicates	14

DEATHS RECORDED

Name	Date of Death	Age
Sophie Marie Foss	Jan. 8, 1979	78
Robert S. Nickerson	Jan. 29, 1979	74
Jennifer R. Larson	Feb. 7, 1979	6 Mos.
Albert L. Davis	Feb. 21, 1979	99
Janet D. Haywood	Mar. 7, 1979	68
Clarence Trundy	Mar. 24, 1979	86
Harry V. Gray	Apr. 26, 1979	72
William E. Bragdon	May 1, 1979	83
Edith Meserole	May 7, 1979	88
Robert B. Applebee	May 15, 1979	94
Roger Young	May 14, 1979	61
Harriette Carley	Aug. 1, 1979	93
Margaret W. Savage	Aug. 12, 1979	66
Clayton S. Cole	Sept. 18, 1979	68
Fred White, Jr.	Sept. 22, 1979	62
Eva M. Light	Oct. 9, 1979	97
Louise B. Sullivan	Oct. 23, 1979	84
Velma B. Barbour	Oct. 27, 1979	66
Lester H. Berry	Nov. 18, 1979	84
Julia P. Pease	Nov. 27, 1979	69

Number of Marriages	35
Number of Births	19
Number of Deaths	20

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby D. Wood, Town Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I submit the following Police Department report to the Town Manager, Selectmen and the Citizens of Searsport.

The year of 1979 has brought much activity and several changes. We have been working very hard to establish a professional Police Department that we all can be proud of, and have hired Officers Norman Stimpson and Larry Bickford, which will bring the Department up to full strength and provide 24 hours police coverage once again. In establishing a new Police Department certain priorities have to be met such as: Training of Officers — Police Academy and In-Service, efficient records systems, Police/Community Relations, Narcotic & Dangerous Drug Programs, and Crime Prevention programs.

In the near future we hope to increase our Reserve Police Officer Force to augment the regular force during vacations, illness and special events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Mr. Peter Garland, my fellow Town Employees, other department members, and the citizens of this wonderful community for their understanding and cooperation during my transition from Auburn to Searsport.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig B. Hall, Sr.
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1979
(Barney Hose Co.)

Records show total alarms at 44 for the year 1979, compared to 40 for 1978. Of that number there were 16 chimney fires, the previous year shows 8. This of course, is due to the increase in wood burning.

Fortunately, damage was kept at a minimum with no property loss. Also, along with our pager and radio system, response is much faster and more accurate than in the past.

In regard to this system, I must take this opportunity to personally thank the owners of the Bayview Boarding Home, and all the girls taking and giving the fire and ambulance calls. This service is performed free of any charge and a great amount of responsibility is involved in receiving and relaying the calls correctly. Without these people the Town would be forced to hire dispatchers to cover fire and ambulance calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Again, thanks for doing a fine job.

There are no major purchases of equipment for the coming year to be made, unless, of course, something unforeseen occurs. As you will note, we have decreased the 1980 appropriation by approximately $1,000.00 and hopefully can stay within this amount, but with inflation and soaring prices on everything, who can predict a year ahead?

At this time, I must throw in my annual plea, namely, the "smoke detector", Of the alarms answered the past year, some a total loss, several did not have an alarm system of any kind, and it was a known fact, and admitted that several minutes could have been saved by at least one device. I am selling only the reputation and records of these things and do not recommend any particular brand, but I do urge everyone to purchase something. Remember, one little beep could be worth its weight in gold, and today, that would be — how much?

Many thanks to Peter Garland, Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and understanding in helping to keep the Department as nearly up to date and efficient as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daniel C. Rich
Searsport Fire Chief

WOODBURNERS REMEMBER:

Check stove pipes monthly
Clean chimneys at least twice yearly
Burn dry, seasoned wood, if possible
Check installation regulations
Use common sense, it's free

A Flea and a Fly in a flue
were imprisoned, oh what can they do?
Said the Flea, "Let us Fly"
Said the Fly, "Let us Flee".
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 78/79

Dec. 7, 1978	Douglas Latham, House
Dec. 23	Roy Young, Chimney
Dec. 27	Robert Redfern, Chimney
Jan. 5, 1979	Charlie Babb, Chimney
Jan. 13	Phyllis Dodd, House, Prospect line
Jan. 15	Max Kinney, Chimney
Feb. 13	Stanley Sullivan, House
Feb. 15	Charlie Clark, Chimney
Feb. 20	F. George Johnson, Homeport, Chimney
Feb. 23	False Alarm, Caller Unknown
Feb. 25	Edith Brown, Mobile Home
Feb. 27	John Haynes, Oil Burner
Mar. 9	Lloyd Gould, Car
Mar. 15,	B.A.R.R. called by auto Alarm System, False
Mar. 23	C.M.P., Grass
Apr. 4	Mortland Road, Call by S.P.D.
Apr. 12	After Alarm Cancellation
Apr. 18	Robert Curtis, Grass
Apr. 20	Cyril Desjardin, Grass
Apr. 22	Virgil O'Brien, Oil Burner
May 6	S.A.D. No. 56, Brush - Leaves
May 7	Kenneth Grant, Woods
May 10	Town Dump, Woods
May 15	John R. Hughes, Mobile Home
May 29	Mrs. Basil Glidden, Car
June 6	Ralph Fitch, Chimney
June 9	Joseph Roberts, Jr., Truck
June 13	Lloyd Sylvester, Chimney

June 22, 1979	Marshall Harriman, Mobile Home
July 12	Michael Bragdon, Utility Building
July 20	Richard Cash, Car
Aug. 27	Phillip Harriman, Mobile Home
Oct. 13	Harvard Bowdoin, Oil Burner
Oct. 22	Richard Glidden, House/Garage
Oct. 24	Marion Bragdon, Chimney
Oct. 28	Mack White, Kitchen
Nov. 14	Dennis Kienow, Chimney
Nov. 29	Omar Pease, Chimney
Dec. 1	Leon Potter, Chimney
Dec. 4	Emery Shute, Sandy Point

Total alarms = 44

The foregoing is submitted in compliance with Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 706, and is true and correct to the best of my belief as of April 1 of the current year.

I understand that the assessors (or any of them) may require me to make oath of the foregoing: and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquiries and subscribe the same will bar an appeal to the County Commissioners.

. . . . . .
Date

. . . . . .
Name of Taxpayer — Please Print

. . . . . .
Signature of Taxpayer. If signed on behalf of corporation, please state capacity.

Return before May 1st.

3. Real Estate

List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation on April 1 of the year for which this list is filed, and located in the municipality in which this return is filed:

Location (St. and Number, or other brief description)	Area of Land (Lot Dimensions in ft.; or acres)	Buildings, Mobile Homes (As: Dwelling, Farmstead, Mobile Homes, Store, Garage, etc.)
a.		
b.		
c.		
d.		

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet).

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered since the previous April 1?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, identify building and give brief description of construction or alteration.

LIST OF ESTATES NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Filed Pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 706

To the Assessors of the Municipality of .....

1. I am a legal resident of .....
   (Municipality) (State)

2. Structures on land **not** owned by you:
   If Mobile Home: Give Make, Year, Model, Size, Cost when new.
   List property owned by you on April 1, which is located on leased land or land **not** owned by you, including dwelling houses, house trailers, camps, stores, storehouses or any other structures.

Location (Street and number, or other brief description)	Owner of Land	Type of Structure
a.	.....	.....
b.	.....	.....
c.	.....	.....
d.	.....	.....

(If additional space is required, use and attach blank sheet.)

Is your land subject to any enforceable restrictions which limit the use to which it may be put?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please indicate the nature of the restriction:
(Check the appropriate block or blocks.)

Zoning ordinance ☐
Subdivision restrictions ☐
Recorded Contractual
Provisions ☐

(List of Estates not exempt from taxation)

(Other Please describe below.) ☐

4. Personal Property:

Check items owned or in possession and subject to taxation in the municipality in which this return is filed:

a. Machinery and equipment (industrial, mercantile, farm, etc.) ☐
b. Watercraft ☐
c. Furniture and fixtures — store, office, commercial ☐
d. Other — Please identify briefly ☐

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NORTH SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 7, 1978	Latham, House
Feb. 17, 1979	Pearley Seekins, Chimney
Feb. 21, 1979	Smith Clements, Chimney
May 11, 1979	Payson Seekins, Grass
Sept. 6, 1979	Fred Curtis, Tree
Oct. 1979	Richard Glidden, House

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens of Searsport, the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Garland (our Town Manager) for their continued cooperation and support given to the North Searsport Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearley B. Seekins
Fire Chief

AMBULANCE REPORT

To the citizens of Searsport:

Throughout 1979 the Searsport Ambulance responded to 111 calls and traveled a total of 3,297 miles.

Because of ever rising gas and equipment costs I have to ask for $4,300 for the operation of the service for the ensuing year.

Due to our continued training program, the quality of personnel, which is tops already, will continue to improve with every passing year. This year I plan to send two more people to EMT-A school and the already trained members are now meeting twice a month in a continuing education program.

Our crew consists of 10 licensed persons, five of whom are EMT-As, 4 ambulance attendants and one registered nurse. We also have a number of non-licensed drivers.

Anyone interested in attending one of our meetings is more than welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Fire House. Come and see how hard we train and how dedicated your crew is.

I wish to thank my ambulance personnel and all the citizens of Searsport for their cooperation in making the Searsport Ambulance Service **second to none.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James H. York, Sr.
Ambulance Director

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 1979 year continued to be an expansion year for the Searsport Recreation Department. The department's programs and special events provided further recreational services for our youth and adults groups.

The Recreation Department offered some twenty different programs for the young people and ten different programs for our adult group in the community. Combined, these programs serviced over 1,000 persons.

Our special events reached a high of thirty-three with some programs repeated more than once due to their popularity. Just the special events offered serviced some 1,800 persons.

More adult members of the community took advantage of its recreation services. Men's Night which offers basketball during the fall, winter, and spring months, and softball during the warmer months, continued to grow. Adult Co-Rec Volleyball, because of its popularity, has made its mark as a year round program. The disco scene hit Searsport along with the rest of the country and many took advantage of this new dance program.

Recreation programs for the young people continued to grow. New additions during the year included: a pillo polo league, soccer, and the Pepsi-Cola Hotshot Basketball program which sent four youngsters to the Bangor shootoff this past fall. For our summer program we formed a Beginning Drama group for the children, which put on a performance at the end of the summer. Two other new summer programs added were Table Game Time and Exploring Nature.

Our Pee Wee Basketball Program continued to grow during the 1979 year, which included our first annual awards banquet. Many thanks go to the Searsport Lions Club for letting us use their facility, and the parents that donated sandwiches and desserts. For the second year an All-star team was chosen and participated in the Old Town Biddy Basketball Tournament with a fine showing.

Open Gym for boys and girls in grades 7-12 has remained a very steady program which has benefited many youth. Programs offered through the school year were movies, weekly swimming, dance classes, the pillo polo league, Pee Wee Kickball, soccer, basketball, and arts and crafts.

Our summer teams under the direction of the Searsport Recreation Department for the past year were the Babe Ruth baseball team,

Report of the Recreation Director (cont.):

ages 13-18, Farm League Baseball, age 8-12, and Lassie League Softball, age 8-12. Both the Farm League Baseball team and the Lassie League Softball team have been excellent instructional programs.

Our Babe Ruth Baseball team, which is for boys age 13-18, was the Western Division Champions of the Waldo-Hancock Coastal League. A great deal of thanks goes to Coach George Small, and all others who aided with the transportation, scoring, and officiating. Mr. Small has done an excellent job with these young men.

Tennis has boomed in the Town of Searsport. Since the completion of our new tennis facility in 1977 the courts have been in use both day and night. The number of people taking lessons has bloomed since the addition of our new instructor, Mr. Jerry Hinson.

We provided a number of tennis tournaments for the people to take part in. We held a junior tennis tournament for the youth, along with our annual Open Tennis Tourney. New additions were our first Residents-Only Tournament and a special tournament set up for those taking part in the lesson program. All tournaments had good turnouts, providing many with the opportunity for competitive play, and spectators with some fine tennis action.

Special Events have become a highlight of the Searsport Recreation Program. Some new events that were successful were our Easter Egg Decorating Contest, the bike-a-thon, the Blue Hill Puppets, the mini-olympics, roller skating trips, and the trip to the Bangor Cinema.

Our Easter Egg Hunt had a turnout of over one-hundred and fifty children and adults. Other events such as the field trips to Fort Knox and Aqualand and the pet show were very popular.

Many in Searsport are aware of our annual Halloween Program. Well, this past year the recreation department took over the complete funding of the program and with the cooperation of our local churches, youth groups, and businesses we provided a fine program with the biggest turnout ever. The church youth groups constructed a very realistic haunted maze for the children and conducted games following the supper, put on by the parents. Prior to this we held our largest attended Halloween Parade and Costume Contest ever. I would like to thank all those people who helped and a special thanks to Mr. Roscoe Tibbetts who

Report of the Recreation Director (cont.):

donated the candy for the children.

Many may not realize, but the recreation department has provided services for other groups in this community. Weekly films are shown to the elderly at our local boarding home which is greatly appreciated. The special education group in our school district has also been a concern of the department. A program in swimming has been formed for the youngsters with the assistance of SAD No. 56, Ada Curtis, Mike Crowley, and a number of high school students who volunteer their time to help these youngsters.

Once again the recreation department took part in our annual Fourth of July festivities. A new dimension was added by the department by sponsoring a street dance at the Town Wharf featuring a local band. Many thanks goes to Merrill Transport, John Barry, and Emily Darby who helped with our activities.

Now we are in a new year, a new decade, and the Searsport Recreation Department is still expanding its services. A number of new programs have already been planned to add to our present programming. A Men's Three-on-three Basketball League, Women's Basketball, Cross Country Skiing, and Family Time are just a few.

In every successful recreation program you have a number of people offering their services. I have been fortunate to have the fine cooperation of my Recreation Committee, our Town Manager (Peter Garland), and the people of the community, and I look forward to an even bigger and better year for the Searsport Recreation Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Norris
Recreation Director

REPORT OF
THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The year 1979 has been a growing year for the Library. Library hours were increased from 15 to 20 hours per week. New Library cards were issued in April upon re-registration and 198 new users were registered. The Library desk was moved to provide better access to the rear section of the Library. In January a poster contest was sponsored in connection with the Maine White House Conference on Libraries. A local winner won an honorable mention in the Augusta poster display. A Saturday morning story hour was held in February and March. National Library Week was celebrated with a program by children's author, Liesel Skorpen. In June Marilyn Dwelley presented a slide show on wildflowers in Maine and in August Henry Briggs presented a program on the Maine Wilderness. A summer reading program was re-instated with 50 children signing up for it. 35 completed the 6 week program which ended with a party, certificates and book bags for the finishers.

Several elementary classes visited the Library during National Children's Book Week in November.

Mrs. Kaiser, our Librarian, attended a workshop in Augusta on Book Repair and Care and Preservation of Old Books. She also attended the Maine Library Association Conference in Rockland with several of our Trustees.

The Sears Room continues to be used by various groups and for Town Recreation programs.

Lost and overdue books and minor vandalism along with inflation in the cost of new books, fuel and electricity continue to be problems. In an effort to conserve fuel the Library is closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday noon but the 20 hour per week schedule continues with slightly longer hours on other days.

A fund-raising Tea and Sale was held at the Library in August by the Ways and Means Committee.

A plea for new members and renewals by former members of the Carver Memorial Library Association was mailed out in December. Response has been excellent but complete returns are not available for this report.

Circulation has increased to 6,975, a growth of 1,647 over 1978 and 3,922 people used the Library. We continue to have

Carver Memorial Library Assoc. Report (cont.):

contributions of magazines for the "giveaway shelf" and many books have been donated.

I wish to express sincere thanks to Mrs. Judy Kaiser, Librarian, Mrs. Debbie Clark, assistant, and Mr. Keith Knuuti, custodian, for their excellent services. My thanks also to the members of the Board of Trustees, Peter Garland and the Selectmen and all friends of the Library for their strong and continued support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

Mrs. Mary Pendleton, President

Trustees of the Carver Memorial Library Association

Honorary President	Miss Sally E. Dow
President	Mrs. Mary Pendleton
Vice-President	Mrs. Joan Probert
Treasurer	Mrs. Geneva Staples
Secretary	Mrs. Faith Garrold
Mrs. Inez Campbell	Mrs. Marian Alden
Mrs. Grace Murphy	Mr. Robert Farris
Miss Lucy Nichols	Mrs. Marge Knuuti
Mr. Carl Robbins	Mrs. Marguerita Francis
Mr. Peter Garland	Mrs. Corinne Blanchard
Mr. Bruce Spaulding	Mrs. Linda Ward

THE CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF TREASURER
December 31, 1979

Expendable Assets:

1.	Now Account Balance	$ 2,846.45
2.	25 Shares Merrill Bankshares	500.00
3.	4 Shares Knox Woolen Co.	440.00
4.	Clifford N. Carver Fund	797.25
5.	Blanchard - Richardson Fund	918.75
6.	Capt. Wilbur J. Carver Fund	253.27
7.	Henrietta G. McCaslin Fund	591.76
8.	David Sears Room Fund	202.51
		6,549.99

Invested Assets:

1.	Town of Searsport Trust Funds	
	Ann McGilvery	2,020.28
	Amelia C. Ford	100.00
	Charles P. Gordon	1,000.00
	Annie Partridge	170.36
	Hannah L. Pendleton	100.00
	Cyrus True	500.00
	William B. Trundy	3,000.00
		6,890.64
	TOTAL ASSETS	$13,440.63

Report of Treasurer, Carver Memorial Library Assoc. (cont.):

General Maintenance
December 31, 1979

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1 Jan. 1979	$4,254.81		
Trust Fund Income			
James P. Nichols	1,643.72		
Other	585.63		
Stock Dividends			
Merrill Bankshares	185.00		
Knox Woolen Co.	48.00		
Interest on Now Account	183.93		
Memorial Fund	80.00		
Silver Tea	365.88		
State Stipend	84.00		
State Library	195.00		
Rebekah Lodge No. 125	100.00		
Memberships	17.00		
Gifts	71.50		
Misc.	15.41		
	7,829.88		
Janitor		$ 624.00	
Janitor's Supplies		16.73	
Repairs		203.74	
Electricity		1,025.28	
Fuel		1,061.20	
Telephone		198.40	
Water		48.00	
Library Supplies		380.45	
Misc. Expense		250.19	
Magazines		32.50	
Books		1,142.94	
		4,983.43	
Balance			$2,846.45

Respectfully submitted,

Geneva Sears Staples
Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 1979

Early 1979 witnessed much Planning Board activity as we received the preliminary Land Use Ordinance and presented a finalized Zoning Ordinance to the voters of Searsport at the Annual Town Meeting. Although the proposed Ordinance was defeated at the polls, we feel that citizens' comments gained from the area meetings, plus the base data maps supporting the Ordinance, will be of great value to future Planning Boards as our Town continues to grow.

A slowdown in building starts nationwide was also reflected locally by only two subdivision applications and three Shoreland Zoning applications in 1979. Consequently, your Planning Board enjoyed a relatively quiet second half of the year.

We also testified in favor of an electric generating plant to be located on Sears Island at the Maine P.U.C. public hearing held in Searsport.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Probert, Chairman
Searsport Planning Board

MOSMAN PARK ASSOCIATION

We are again this year deeply grateful to all of you who have supported the Park with your funds and help. We look forward to your continuing support this year.

We especially thank Mike Curtis for his great work in keeping the Park clean and neat and doing all the work that needed to be done.

This past year we were able, with your help, to add more tables and grills and enlarge our parking area (to be finished next Spring).

With the Edith Malmfeld Memorial Fund, we will also be adding pine trees to the Park this Spring.

We are happy to see more use being made of the Park and enjoyment of Searsporters and out-of-staters too. We can always use more help from anyone interested and from service groups looking for ways to help in the community.

Warmly,

Pam Kidder George, President

SEARSPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Searsport:

Through a matching fund grant from the Maine Publicity Bureau you Chamber was able to do considerably more advertising of the Town than would have been otherwise possible. In addition to this, a visitor Information Board was erected on the west side of Town. This contains some thirty businesses and a location key.

Your Chamber was one of the few in the State and the only Town in Waldo County to take advantage of the publicity matching funds.

The Chamber was involved in the following events also:

A gala 4th of July parade and celebration complete with fireworks.

A Christmas Promotional featuring the raffle of a television set won by Mrs. Walter Marshall, Christmas Lighting Contest won by Don Hawley for residential and by Bayberry Antiques for commercial.

The annual meeting of the Chamber was held on October 17, 1979 at the Yardarm Restaurant. The speaker for the evening was William Hamilton, who spoke on the varied architecture of the City of Lewiston and preservation attempts. Cathy Norris was awarded the Citizens of the Year Award.

The following officers were elected for the fifteen month term in as much as the fiscal year was changed to coincide with the calendar year:

Palmer Pearson — President
Page Worth — Vice President
Jim Parker — Secretary
Elizabeth Goodwin — Treasurer
Robert Lang — Director (for three years)
(Other Directors are Emily Darby and Frances Bowen)

It is hoped that all citizens will take an active interest in the Chamber. Remember this is your Chamber and it can function only so long as it has the input from its members. Let's hear from all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Palmer Pearson, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	— Dog Tax Due — Fiscal year commences
March 11	— Annual Town Election
March 15	— Annual Town Meeting
April 1	— All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1. Owners must bring in list of property to Assessor to be eligible to make claim for abatement.
October 1	— Interest begins on unpaid taxes
December 31	— Fiscal year closes

TOWN TELEPHONES

Town Office	548-6372 or 548-6373
Fire Dept. — Searsport	548-2900
Fire Dept. — North Searsport	548-2920
Ambulance	548-2900
Police (weekdays)	548-6372
(nights & weekends)	338-2040 (Sheriff's Dept.)
Town Garage	548-2821
Water District	548-2910

The Fire Dept. and Ambulance telephone numbers are for emergencies only (the 548-2900 number). For general information, please call the Town Office.

February 6, 1980

Board of Selectmen
Searsport
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and our understanding of the procedural requirements, including but not limited to, the provisions of Title 30, Section 5253, Revised Statutes of Maine as amended 1964, a post audit has been made of the accounts and records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for its year beginning January 1, 1979 and ending December 31, 1979. To the extent found applicable and pertinent thereto, our examination has been made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards but with an extended scope to include such further requirements in compliance with the State of Maine or other jurisdiction and such other procedures and details considered to be essential due to local circumstances.

We herewith submit our report consisting of exhibits and supporting schedules, together with such qualifications, analysis and whatever recommendations may be consistent with requirements. This report is subject to the limitation of time for complete replies to letters of verification.

As presented herewith the balance sheet and comments have been rearranged for the convenience of the reader and is not in the form to be used in a complete report.

Certificate

Based upon our examination and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet, exhibits, and schedules properly present the financial condition of the Town of Searsport, Maine as at December 31, 1979 and the results of the transactions for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Wheeler
Public Accountant

Exhibit A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

General Funds

* * *

Assets		December 31, 1979	December 31, 1978
Schedule			
A- 1	Cash — Checking Account	$ 26,195.36	$ 36,676.21
A- 1	Office Funds	100.00	100.00
A- 2	General Funds Invested	60,444.12	100,421.05
A- 3	Accounts Receivable	5,975.00	10,875.00
A- 4	Taxes Receivable — Current	48,842.62	28,658.68
A- 5	Taxes Receivable — Prior Years	8,607.87	8,620.83
A- 6	Tax Lien Mortgage	5,787.15	5,618.72
A- 7	Foreclosed Tax Lien Mortgages	1,308.10	717.92
A- 8	Capital Reserves Invested	9,766.72	6,767.90
A- 9	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Invested	6,470.53	9,010.81
	Total Assets	$ 173,497.47	$ 207,467.12

Liabilities, Reserves, and Surplus

A-10	Accounts Payable	$ 40.04	$ 8.96
A-11	Due to Trust Funds	1,058.25	1,058.25
A-12	Capital Reserves	17,680.69	11,981.87
	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	8,198.75	8,198.75
A-13	Local Government Fund Reserve	(2,550.72)	5,165.81
A-14	Local Fiscal Assistance Fund Reserve	6,470.53	9,010.81
	Prepaid Taxes		73.50
	Inventory Tax Refund		6,368.02
Ex. D	Departmental Balances Forward	17,162.36	7,803.12
Ex. C	Unappropriated Surplus	125,437.57	157,798.03
	Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus	$ 173,497.47	$ 207,467.12

Debt Fund

Assets

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	$ 5,895.24	$ 11,790.42

Liabilities

Outstanding Notes — Schedule A-16	$ 5,895.24	$ 11,790.42

A complete post audit report will be on file at the municipal office.

COMMENTS

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The appropriations that total $58,050.00 from the State and Local Fiscal Assistance (Federal Revenue Sharing) fund were authorized in the proper legislative manner at its annual Town Meeting. The new entitlements of $54,995.00 cleared through the town records and were transferred intact to the segregated savings bank account; interest earnings of $514.72 were added thereto. All expenditures were authorized by the required warrants directed to the Town Treasurer. During our examination that included detail of original entry and banking transactions, extended to a comparison with pertinent guidelines, nothing came to our attention that would indicate non-compliance with requirements.

The outstanding changes on your balance include the approximately $20,000.00 more uncollected taxes, with its detrimental effect on your working cash balance. The collection of only 93% of the commitment can be viewed as unfavorable. This serves to explain one reason why your cash resources decreased approximately $50,480.00 whereas your surplus declined only $32,360.46.

The departmental operations reflect the favorable circumstances of lapsed unexpended balances of $32,670.87 in contrast to $6,926.99 in overdrafts. Outside of the Departmental area there occurred excise tax revenue of $8,953.82 more than appropriated, a tax overlay of $18,658.00 and supplemental taxes of $4,532.96. The foregoing are substantial gains but are far short of the $89,500.00 appropriated from surplus at the 1979 annual meeting.

It can be observed that your surplus, in only four years has decreased from a high point of $271,295.95 as at December 31, 1975, to the present $125,437.57. The recognition by your management of the potential danger to a continuation, has led to eleven constructive suggestions plus less appropriation from surplus, all reflecting concern for the taxpayers including the all important admonition to "guard our surplus."

The best of plans and projections can have the weakness of determining the amount to be appropriated from surplus, at the **wrong end** of the year. A policy that has repeatedly proved its merit is to plan for a permanent surplus level believed to be most advantageous to the taxpayers, for convenience it should be represented by a percentage of the last tax commitment. The policy is to disregard all sources of anticipated income, (eliminate the uncertainty)

including excise taxes — the gain in cash reduces the amount borrowed — and then at the END of the fiscal year allow the gains to be the next appropriation from surplus. This amount will restore the starting point level. It can thus be assured that the benefits from the recommendations of your management will be fully realized.

Exhibit D

TOWN OF SEARSPORT, MAINE
Transactions in Departmental Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 1979

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCE	
	Balance 12-31-78	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
General Government:											
Administration		668.00	23,000.00	1,821.66	3,955.81	29,729.20	59,174.67	55,212.50	453.93	3,508.24	
Town Officers' Salaries		5,991.00			100.00	35,000.00	41,091.00	40,834.50		256.50	
Assessing Department		5,971.00			12.50	9,500.00	15,483.50	15,202.14		281.36	
Union Hall Repairs		3,500.00					3,500.00	3,413.71			86.29
Planning Board	106.22	1,500.00					1,606.22	942.58			663.64
	106.22	17,630.00	23,000.00	1,821.66	4,068.31	74,229.20	120,855.39	115,605.43	453.93	4,046.10	749.93
Protection:											
Land for Public Safety Building	300.00						300.00				300.00
Street Lights		11,000.00					11,000.00	10,829.66		170.34	
Searsport Fire Department		13,100.00		242.88		50.00	13,392.88	12,866.83		526.05	
Searsport Fire Department — Purchase of 4WD Pickup			4,000.00			2,000.00	6,000.00	5,950.00	50.00		
North Searsport Fire Dept.		5,850.00					5,850.00	4,375.16		1,474.84	
Police Department		22,680.00	17,850.00	802.67			41,332.67	32,559.48		5,773.19	3,000.00
Hydrant Rental		19,490.00				750.00	20,240.00	20,240.00			
Hydrant Rental — Porter St.		750.00					750.00		750.00		
Insurance		21,900.00					21,900.00	19,949.62		1,950.38	
Civil Emergency Preparedness	689.41	200.00		100.00			989.41	620.84			368.57
Joint Shellfish Conservation Program	300.00						300.00				300.00
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve		1,500.00					1,500.00		1,500.00		
Police Cruiser Purchase Reserve			3,200.00				3,200.00		3,200.00		
Dog Officer		500.00					500.00	299.42		200.58	
	1,289.41	96,970.00	25,050.00	1,145.55		2,800.00	127,254.96	107,691.01	5,500.00	10,095.38	3,968.57

Exhibit D — Transactions in Departmental Operations (cont.):

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCE	
	Balance 12-31-78	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
Health and Sanitation:											
Health Officer		150.00					150.00	150.00			
Other Health Services		100.00					100.00			100.00	
Mid-Coast Mental Health		364.00					364.00	364.00			
Kno-Wal-Lin Community Health		364.00					364.00	364.00			
Community Alcohol Services		292.50					292.50	292.50			
Central Senior Citizens		1,160.00					1,160.00	1,160.00			
Sanitary Landfill		9,332.00			5,225.30		14,557.30	14,129.44		427.86	
Sanitary Landfill Equipment Reserve	1,493.72	2,500.00			500.00		4,493.72	2,787.07			1,706.65
Sewer Maintenance		500.00					500.00	31.65		468.35	
Ambulance Operation	1,956.27	3,300.00			922.26		6,178.53	5,159.21			1,019.32
Ambulance Capital Reserve						2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00			
Plumbing Permits					387.00		387.00	456.50		(69.50)	
Sewerage Facilities Design Costs (Step I)	1,232.00			980.00			2,212.00	1,550.00			662.00
Sewer Liens Extension & Improvement	879.42						879.42	528.25		351.17	
	5,561.41	18,062.50		980.00	7,034.56	2,500.00	34,138.47	29,472.62		1,277.88	3,387.97
Public Transportation											
Town Roads		4,950.00			2,566.37	55,000.00	62,516.37	62,975.43		(459.06)	
Snow Removal	(1,977.00)	18,371.00		3,629.00			20,023.00	15,938.68			4,084.32
Equipment	417.77				16,078.30		16,496.07	20,558.22		(4,062.15)	
State Aid Road Const.		12,786.00					12,786.00	12,786.00			
Town Wharf and Ramp	153.06	4,500.00			230.56		4,883.62	1,875.25			3,008.37
Town Wharf Reconstruction	403.00						403.00				403.00
Harbormaster		500.00					500.00	500.00			
Town Trees Program		8,300.00		2,320.00	550.00		11,170.00	7,934.94		3,235.06	

Exhibit D — Transactions in Departmental Operations (cont.):

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCE	
	Balance 12-31-78	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
Public Transportation (cont.)											
Downtown Parking Lot Const.		13,940.00				365.28	14,305.28	9,625.12			4,680.16
Town Road Improvement				7,139.35			7,139.35	7,450.63		(311.28)	
	(1,003.17)	63,347.00		13,088.35	19,425.23	55,365.28	150,222.69	139,644.27		(1,597.43)	12,175.85
Welfare:											
General Welfare		3,000.00			68.11		3,068.11	2,918.98		149.13	
Education:											
School Administrative Dist. 56		438,721.88					438,721.88	438,721.86		.02	
Recreation:											
General Recreation		8,095.00	10,000.00		466.78		18,561.78	18,054.92		506.86	
Mosman Park		1,200.00					1,200.00	863.98		336.02	
July 4th Celebration		1,800.00			687.95		2,487.95	2,487.95			
Snowmobile Revenue	993.82			606.00			1,599.82	414.00			1,185.82
Carver Memorial Library											
Operation		4,650.00		279.00			4,929.00	4,463.26		465.74	
Alterations	(2,025.00)						(2,025.00)			(2,025.00)	
Driveway & Pkg. Lot	1,801.70						1,801.70			1,801.70	
	770.52	15,745.00	10,000.00	885.00	1,154.73		28,555.25	26,284.11		1,085.32	1,185.82
Cemeteries:											
General Care		1,500.00			1,380.20		2,880.20	2,880.20			
Debt and Interest											
General Interest					16,619.89	751.07	17,370.96	5,750.00	933.48	10,687.48	
Sewer Planning Note & Interest		6,626.19					6,626.19	366.50	6,259.69		
		6,626.19			16,619.89	751.07	23,997.15	6,116.50	7,193.17	10,687.48	

Exhibit D — Transactions in Departmental Operations (cont.):

		INCOME						EXPENSE		BALANCE	
	Balance 12-31-78	Local Taxation	Federal Revenue (a)	Cash Receipts State	Cash Receipts Other	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Payments	Other Charges	Lapsed	Forward
Special Assessments:											
County Tax		16,679.50				20,000.00	36,679.50	36,679.50			
Unclassified:											
Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission		555.93					555.93	555.93			
Promoting Searsport		2,500.00					2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00		
Town of Swanville — Legal Expenses		500.00					500.00	500.00			
L.P.W. Projects	(1,567.93)						(1,567.93)	2,372.57	365.28		(4,305.78)
CZM Grant (Downtown Revitalization Study)	2,646.66			3,253.34		39.00	5,939.00	5,939.00			
Conservation						50.00	50.00	50.00			
	1,078.73	3,555.93		3,253.34		89.00	7,977.00	11,417.50	865.28		(4,305.78)
TOTAL — All Departments	7,803.12	681,838.00	58,050.00	21,173.90	49,751.03	155,734.55	974,350.60	917,431.98	14,012.38	25,743.88	17,162.36

TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine County of Waldo

To Craig Hall, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Searsport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 11th day of March A.D. 1980, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles Number 1 and 2.

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Memorial Gymnasium in said Town, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, the 15th day of March A.D. 1980, then and there to act on Articles 3 through all of said Articles being set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect, by secret ballot, one (1) selectman for three years, a Town Clerk, Two (2) School Administrative District No. 56 Directors for three years, and nine Budget Advisory Committee members for two years.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of or lease, any real estate it may now have, or come into possession of, during the year by virtue of foreclosed tax liens thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax lien mortgages for not less than the amount unpaid plus interest and costs, except otherwise when voted on by the Town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State Funds which may be received, from time to time, in the form of Grants or for any other purpose during the period 4/1/80 to 4/1/81, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall become due and payable and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date, or act any-

thing relative thereto.

Recommended by Municipal Officers that taxes shall be due September 1, 1980 and that one percent interest per month or part thereof be charged after September 30, 1980.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $5,721.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus and $22,000.00 from F.R.S.

Selectmen (SEL) voted 5-0 and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) voted 13-0 to raise $5,721.00 and appropriate $20,000.00 from Surplus and $22,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Officers for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $17,579.00 and appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 12-1 to raise $17,579.00 and appropriate $25,000.00 from Surplus, with $100.00 to come from S.W.D.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Assessing Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $6,106.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from Surplus.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 11-1 to raise $6,106.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from Surplus.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Insurance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $19,900.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $19,900.00

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Carver Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,600.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $4,600.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $555.93

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $555.93.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Police Department for the ensuing year. These funds may be used to match Federal Funds under the provisions of the Safe Streets Act, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $40,084.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $40,084.00.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Account for the future purchase of a new cruiser, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 11-0 to raise $1,500.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $11,775.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 12-0 to raise $11,775.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for a new forced hot air heating system for Searsport Fire House, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $5,000.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $5,000.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the North Searsport Fire Department for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $5,400.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $5,400.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the operation of the Ambulance (continuing account) for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,300.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 12-0 to raise $4,300.00.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in the Capital Reserve Ambulance Account for the future purchase of a new Ambulance, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $2,500.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Hydrant Rental for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $27,102.50

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC 12-0 to raise $27,102.50.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Street Lights for the ensuing year, to include relocations, changes, and additions to the present street lighting facilities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $12,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-1 abs. to raise $12,500.00.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to install Mercury street lights as follows:

1. On pole number 6 (CMP) on Prospect Street.
2. On pole number 8 (NET) on Reservoir Street.

(The above are by request)

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Civil Emergency Preparedness for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $200.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $200.00.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Sanitary Landfill for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $9,152.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $9,152.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to be invested in a Sanitary Landfill Equipment Reserve Account for the purchase of a Crawler-Loader, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,300.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $6,300.00

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Sewer Maintenance for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $300.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $300.00.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for payment and interest on the Sewer Planning notes, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $6,352.74

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $6,352.74.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Human Services for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested:

Health Officer	$ 150.00
Other Health Services	100.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	364.00
Kno-Wal-Lin Comm. Health	364.00
Comm. Alcohol Services	292.00
Central Senior Citizens	1,160.00
	$2,430.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $2,430.00.

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Welfare for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $5,000.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $5,000.00.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested as follows:

Uniforms	$ 1,015.00
Utilities	5,100.00
Garage Maintenance	400.00
Cutting Bushes	3,500.00
General Rd. Maintenance	24,500.00
Calcium	800.00
Resh Road	2,000.00
Loop Rd. Rebuilding	4,500.00
Tarring and Patching	16,500.00
Sidewalks	5,000.00
Street Cleaning	800.00
Culverts	1,700.00
	$65,815.00

Requested from Excise Tax $64,000.00
Raise $1,815.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to appropriate $64,000.00 from Excise Tax and raise $1,815.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for a new 4 WD ¾-Ton Pickup for Public Works Dept. use, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $8,000.00 (From F.R.S. Funds)

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to appropriate $8,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for reconstruction of approximately 2,500' of the Black Road, or act anything relative thereto.

(By request)

SEL voted 1-4 to appropriate $7,500.00 from Surplus and raise $7,500.00, and BAC voted 10-1 to raise $15,000.00.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a Town Road that portion of the Black Road between its intersection with the Savery Road and its intersection with the Old County Road.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $12,871.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $12,871.00.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for State Aid Road Construction, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $12,786.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $12,786.00.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Town Trees Program for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $2,000.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend Shoreland Zoning Regulations for the Town of Searsport to redistrict all of

Stanley Kalis' property in Searsport presently within Residential and Resource Protection Districts to a Tourist - Commercial District. This amendment shall be effective 30 days after approval of same at a duly called Town Meeting.

(By request)

Searsport Planning Board voted unanimously in opposition to this proposed amendment.

SEL voted unanimously to concur with Planning Board's action.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the purpose of the Downtown Parking Lot Construction Account (and any remaining Balance therein) at the end of Fiscal Year 1980, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Union Hall Repairs, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,900.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC 11-0 to raise $1,900.00.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested to raise $6,948.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from F.R.S.

SEL voted 4-1 and BAC voted 11-2 to raise $6,948.00 and appropriate $10,000.00 from F.R.S.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Town Wharf, parking area, floats and boat ramps for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,800.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,800.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for additional funds for renovating inner portion of Town Wharf, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $4,500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $4,500.00.

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance of Mosman Park for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,100.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,100.00.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Harbormaster Account for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $500.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $500.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Promoting Searsport, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,600.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 12-0 to raise $1,600.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for maintenance in the cemeteries for the ensuing year, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $1,400.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $1,400.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for July 4th Celebration activities, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $900.00

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $900.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Dog Officer Account and Animal Shelter, or act anything relative thereto.

Requested $800.00.

SEL voted 5-0 and BAC voted 11-0 to raise $800.00.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts to be held in trust, and the income to be used toward perpetual care of cemetery lots, all as shown in the following schedule, or to act anything relative thereto.

Donor	Amount	Lot	Cemetery
Jennie L. Nordberg	$ 50.00	310B	Village
Albert & Lenora Davis	100.00	207	Elmwood
Russell & Patricia Larson	25.00	312B	Village
Doris Kinney	100.00	77	Mt. Hope
Carl Jewell	25.00	315A	Village

The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 8:00 in the evening.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Tuesday, March 11, 1980 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, the 5th day of February A.D. 1980.

/s/ Lionel Merrill, Jr.
/s/ Frances Bowen
/s/ Bruce Mills
/s/ Donald Ruttenberg
/s/ Robert Curtis

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